


January 2020



Sharon Springs United Methodist Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday School 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>Worship Service 11 A.M.</p> <p>Pastor Galen will be gone January 14, 15, 16 to a meeting in Lincoln, NE.</p>				2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Holy Communion</p>			<p>Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30 PM</p> <p>Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Children Sing @ 11:00 AM</p> <p>Basket Dinner and Ad, Co.</p> <p>Following Worship Service</p>			<p>Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30 PM</p> <p>No Prairie Village Bible Study</p>			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			<p>Kids Choir 3:30—4:30 PM</p> <p>Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>			
26	27	28	29	30	31	<p>Groundhog Feed</p> 
			<p>Kid's Choir 3:30-4:30 PM</p> <p>Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>			<p>Next Saturday</p>



On December 8, 2019 the Wesley Children's Choir provided a beautiful fun musical for the worship hour. The musical was Meet Me at the Manger. In the musical a children's choir goes to a department store dressed as nativity characters to entertain the customers. The owner of the store, played by Evan Pearce, feels they are hurting business so he tells his managers, played by Zoey Gardner and Makenna Gibbs to get rid of them. The choir finds a children's mission that is having a party so they decide to sing for the entertainment. Mission directors played by Aubree Richardson and Anna Pearce help the children learn the meaning of Christmas through the three gifts the wise men bring. Along the way they find a way to help the store owner to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The Wesley Choir had thirty-seven members involved. The program was a blessing to all that attended.



UMW Meeting

The United Methodist Women met for their regular meeting on December 4, 2019 at 1:15. Several members were out of town. Roll call was answered with a special holiday gift they had once received. Cards were sent to several people. A Lesson was given by Emily Bolen, Lois Pearce, and Jayne Humphrey Pearce entitled The Five Gifts of Christmas. One of the gifts was music and the group sang a few Christmas carols. Following the lesson a delicious lunch was served by Jayne Humphrey Pearce. The next UMW meeting is scheduled January 8, 2020

SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Patty Lock, Chairman

Frances Hickman

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Lillian Swartz

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Pastor's Page

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Welcome to a new decade! 2020 looks to be a good year for our neck of the woods, as we aim high to hit all the new year's resolutions and goals, we set so high. Join me in setting your #1 goal to become closer to God this year and lean on him and let him guide you through this coming new year.

As we go into another please continue to pray for our United Methodist Church body as we continue to struggle with the direction of our church. Please also pray for the United States and world peace. God is the only option we have to straighten out our future.

I pray that you and your family have a fantastic year with good health and peace.

From John Wesley: "Vice does not lose its character by becoming fashionable." (Just because modern society and the press tell us it is politically correct, it doesn't make it so.)

God Be With You All,

Pastor Galen



**The Sharon Springs UMW Ladies have been very busy during the Holidays
They deserve a Great Big Thank You !!**

Over eighty cookie plates of various sizes were assembled, put in bags, and delivered on Wednesday December 11, 2019. This annual tradition was completed by several of the United Methodist Women. Plates included fruit, cookies, sweets, raisins, popcorn and a Christmas card. One recipient of the plate said, "I look forward to this every year."

December 4, 2019 several women of the United Methodist Women gathered to fill mailing boxes to our college students and active military. Thirty-five boxes were mailed out filled with goodies. Some of the items were homemade cookies, candy, snack mix, hot chocolate mixes, nuts, gum, highlighter, and granola bars. A card from the United Methodist Women also was included to know each person we were thinking of them.



Brantlie Marbut is a four year old girl that has been suffering from several different medical issues since she was a baby. She had one surgery on November 4, 2019 and another on December 4th, 2019. Both surgeries seem to have been a success and Brantlie is recovering quickly. The family has been trying for quite a while to figure out exactly what Brantlie needed and with uncovered medical expenses, fuel and lodging, the bills were adding up. The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church decided that we needed to help out so an Evening of Praise Fund Raiser was scheduled. A delicious hot meal was served by many volunteers. Following the meal several Christmas musical numbers were shared by various volunteers. A freewill donation was taken and we were able to help Tyler and Taylor (Compton) Marbut with their expenses. Thank you to all that helped in any way with this evening and to those that gave to the Marbuts.



The Holy Bible: Get Ready!

By Sharon Van Allen

Note: This is NOT affiliated with the Sharon Springs Public Library.

After four years' writing "Library Corner" for our local newspaper, I seriously thought about writing a couple, random religious columns for by church family and friends. There are some things I would love to share with others about reading and books, so why not? Here goes....

A few months ago, I was listening to a Christian radio network and they were talking about a movement. The year 2020 is supposed to be considered the year of the Bible. Now, I will be honest I don't know if the number 2020 is supposed to be important. I would rather think that for many people today, we feel it—a storm is coming. It may be the political uncertainty of our own nation; or maybe what seems a moral decay of the world; or as "little" as environment concerns of hail, fires, and floods; or even the stressed out, chaos of our own personal lives. If you are a Christian, you know what I am talking about. You feel it. We all need help, but where to start? The Bible!

So, if like me, you want to read the entire Bible (again), what version will you choose? I know they are all God's Word of Truth. I meant, will you choose to use a well-worn version from a relative or faithful friend? I can't be the only one who has seen a Bible with all sorts of page markers, where inspiring verses are underlined or highlighted and maybe a few notes in the margins. The people mark passages that have made a difference in their lives: Times of sorrow like losing someone they love, times of joy like having a new baby, times of struggle like drought or unemployment, or times of peace. On the other hand, maybe you want a brand-new Bible. Maybe the cover is finest leather or maybe it's bejeweled. Maybe you have a really cool carrying case. Or in our modern world, maybe you want the "convenience" of reading the Bible online on one of your devices like phone, computer, or iPad.

We can also decide about the different translations. There are people who were brought up on the King James Version of the Bible. A little bit later, popularity went to Revised Standard Version. These are the versions that we hear at funerals for favorite verses. Beyond those, there are way more versions than I could count. Some may be to help people better understand God's Word. Just look around or ask people what their suggestions are.

You only have one more decision to make. In what order do you read the Bible? Some people choose to read it from cover to cover. Some people daily choose a little from the Old Testament, a little from Psalms, and a little from the New Testament. I personally like to read it in chronological order. It still starts in Genesis but very soon I read Job. I read the Psalms with the events that were happening when they were written. Finally, I read the gospels in comparison with each other. It just makes sense to me. Which way works for you is the way to read the Bible.

The point is: it is time! It is time to come as faithful people to the Bible. It is time to adore God's Word. It is time to find the Silent Night to appreciate what God has to say. However, our challenge as Christians doesn't stop there. It's about action. We have to go, tell it on the mountain, the plains, the street corners, and kitchen tables. We have to share the good news with others and help them be prepared for the storm, too.

Merry Christmas and Happy Reading for the Year of the Bible!

