



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Years Day!	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> SSMW 1:15 P.M.  Bell Choir 5:00 P.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Holy Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prairie Village 11:15 Kid's Choir 3:30 Bell Choir 5:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Trustee/ Pastor</i> <i>Parish Mtg at 5:00 P.M.</i>  Basket Dinner following Church Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Prairie Village 11:15 Kid's Choir 3:30 Bell Choir 5:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  Admin Council Mtg.	<b>22</b>  Conservation District Meeting at 6:00 P.M.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Prairie Village 11:15 Kid's Choir 3:30 Bell Choir 5:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Prairie Village 11:15 Kid's Choir 3:30 Bell Choir 5:00			



*Beautiful Special Music for the Christmas Season.*

Dana, Michelle, and Adriana Clay furnished music for the Christmas Morning Service singing "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) and Cody Pearce singing "Mary, Did You Know?"

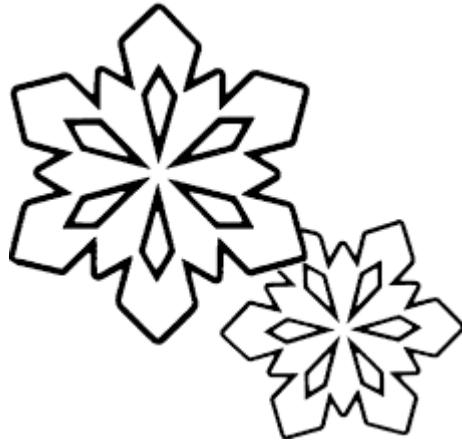
Jayne Pearce singing "Hallelujah" on the Second Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve Service, Meredith and Maya Garcia sang "A Wonder-Filled life".

**Mark Your Calendar**

February 3, 2024 — SSM Men  
Groundhog & Pancake Day  
serving from 7 A.M. — 2 P.M. here at  
SSMC Fellowship Hall.

*Groundhog  
Day*



Pastor's office hours: Mon — Thurs  
9:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Treasurer is in on Tuesday Mornings

Secretary's office hours: Wed & Thurs  
9:00 A.M. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Fridays 9:00 A.M. to Noon

**SERVICE COMMITTEE**

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Patty Lock, Chairman

Frances Hickman

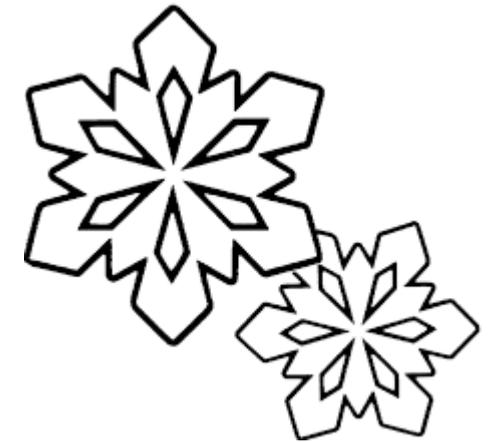
Melinda Daily

Peggy Hennick

Sheryl Crippen



Thanks to Jacalyn Mai and Debbie Benisch  
for setting up this "Escape Room" challenge.  
It was fun working through the tips to find the  
code to open the door.



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Deu 7:9 NKJV "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Welcome to a New Year: 2024! As we embark on this new voyage, we need to look back to reflect on our faith and fellowship with God so that we can work to move closer to our Savior and his love for us.

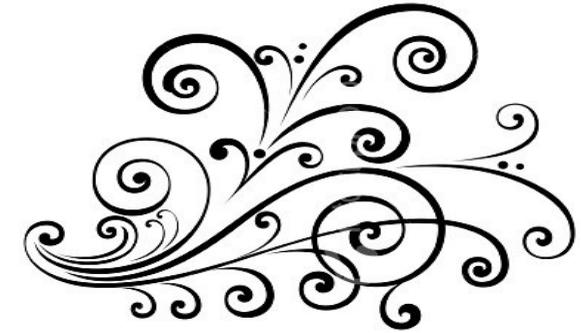
December was a great month with so many activities and church services. Our new bell choir was a fantastic experience. I think it was a welcome addition to our music program. They did a great job for having just starting practice, and we are looking forward to hearing them more often.

If you have any new ideas for a new program or activity that will enrich our experience here at The Sharon Springs Methodist Church please feel free to bring it up so that we can see how it will fit with our mission statement.

Have a great start to your year and may God continue to bless you and your families.

*God's Blessings,*

*Pastor Galen*



What awaits us? We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day.

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2024? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

— — -Charles Ferrell