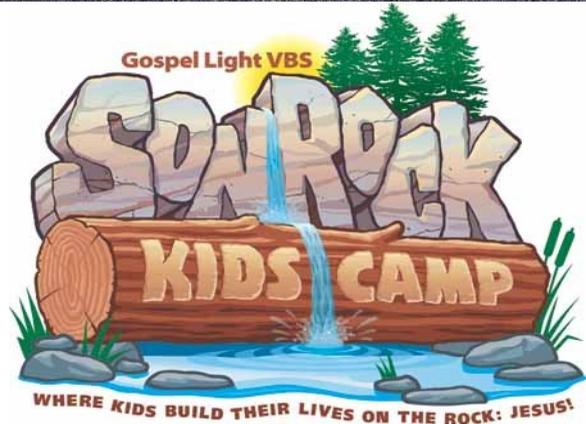




July 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	4 	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	11	12	13
14 12:00 Ad. Co/ Basket Dinner	15	16	17 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	18	19	20
21	22 4-H Judging 8:00 a.m. 4-H Style Revue 6:30 pm	23	24 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	25 Wallace County Fair	26 Wallace County Fair	27 Wallace County Fair
28	29	30	31 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 a.m.			



MORE FUN TIME AT VACATION BIBLE

DOING THE LIMBO

Pastor's Page

July 2019

Sheryl and I are celebrating starting our third year of ministry here in Sharon Springs! It has been a joy to be a part of your congregation and all the love and support you give us.

We are working on some new projects for the fall that we hope adds to our Sunday morning routine. I am planning to start a new Confirmation class in mid to late September with 6th and 7th graders. Jacalyn and Sharon are planning to help me with this class that will be held during Sunday school hour: from 9:45 – 10:45. It will run most of the first semester of school. Please let me know if you have a child that you would like to have in our class.

I pray that as you get a chance to vacation and get your batteries recharged you also have a great and safe harvest! Please take some time after harvest to relax and enjoy some peace time and get outdoors to enjoy nature.

John Wesley Quote: "Even in the greatest afflictions, we ought to testify to God, that, in receiving them from his hand, we feel pleasure in the midst of the pain, from being afflicted by Him who loves us, and whom we love."

God's Blessings:

Pastor Galen

Annual Conference 2019

Here are some of the Resolutions that passed at annual conference. It was very well attended and most attendees were well spoken and much discussion was done.

Church closures for Kilgore, Trinity Community, Valley View, Chetopa-St. Paul, Ada, Delphos, Portis, Robinson and Hicks Chapel United Methodist Churches.

Resolution 13 — The conference health insurance allowance was approved to continue at \$15,850 per year, with which clergy are expected to purchase at least a bronze-level coverage plan. The plan was amended to allow full- and three-quarter-time pastors appointed to larger local churches that provide a health insurance plan to receive the equivalent financial support as the conference's health allowance to purchase health insurance. A resolution that would have allowed churches only to pay the actual cost of health insurance instead of the amount required by the conference was defeated.

Resolution 14 — The Creation Care team offered a resolution, which passed on a show of hands, asking the conference secretary to send a message to state and national representatives urging them to support policies that promote renewable energy, reducing emissions and providing "adaptation assistance for those struggling to survive in a changing climate." It also asks the conference Creation Care Team to work with the Great Plains Disaster Response Ministries to incorporate climate change mitigation into their responsibilities so that the church can become more proactive as well as reactive to increasing catastrophic climate events. It also urges Great Plains Conference churches to reduce their carbon footprints through specific measurable actions such as becoming a Creation Care Church and becoming involved and take actions promoted by United Methodist Women in their Be Green program, among other tactics.

Resolution 16 — In response to the General Conference adoption of the Traditional Plan, members to annual conference voted 607-396 to affirm this resolution, which states: "The Great Plains Annual Conference (GPAC) condemns the decision of the 2019 General Conference to pass the Traditional Plan and apologizes for the harm that it has caused LGBTQ+ persons, their families, their friends, and the body of Christ. 'We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God,' but we also assert and affirm that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching."



BIKE4ALZ

On Monday, 6/17/19, 12 bike riders and 2 support drivers were hosted by our church as they are riding 3,500 + miles to raise almost \$100,000 for Alzheimer's research.

This summer marks cross-country trek number six for Bike4Alz, beginning in San Francisco, CA and ending in Virginia Beach, VA. These riders are Fraternity brothers in Kentucky that started this program back in 2010 when one of the young men lost his grandfather to ALZ.

These young men are great to visit with and Rita Kirkham didn't think she was ever going to get Lynn out of the building. Sheryl had the same issue with me, these guys were great representatives for their cause.

Special thanks to the UMW, Emily, Bobbie, and Kathy for food. Galen, Sheryl, Bobbie, Kathy, Lynn and Rita for helping serve, cleanup and visit. Tuesday morning they had fruit, Cinnamon rolls and drinks and were on the road to Hoxie by 9:30.



Parsonage lawn

Many Sharon Springs United Methodist Church members have been working on the lawn at the parsonage. Finally on June 14, 2019 the sod was laid and the lawn is complete. Thank you to all that helped in any way and a special thank you to Bruce Bolen. Bruce spent many hours getting the lawn ready for the sod.



John Nilsen Piano Concert

John Nilsen came out to our church on Saturday June 8th and played about an hour concert. He is a very talented song writer as well as performer. Many of those attending the concert left with at least 1 of his CDs. John's father was a Methodist pastor and his mother was a music and piano teacher.

If we can get him back to our area next year I would highly recommend making plans to go see him play. He has 16 CDs to his credit.

UMW Sunday

On June 2, 2019 the Sharon Springs United Methodist Women celebrated United Methodist Women Sunday. Many women of the church participated in the service. Beverly Elder once again blessed us with her musical talents at the piano, Debbie Benisch shared with our Young Disciples, five women helped take up the offering and President Emily Bolen acted as the lay leader and shared a message. Emily's message was based on information Kathy McDaniel had shared at a general meeting this past year. It included information about the United Methodist Women's society globally and history of the Sharon Springs United Methodist Women. Emily then challenged each one of us to move off our mountain, as God told Moses to do when it was time to go into Canaan, and follow God's plan for us. Emily then presented Pastor Galen and Sheryl Crippen with a service pen and thanked them for all they have done for our church. Liz Sweat was also nominated for a service pen; however she was unable to attend this Sunday so she will be presented her pen at a later date.

