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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Worship Service 11 A.M.					1	2 Wedding
3 Holy Communion	4	5	6 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	7	8	9
10 Basket Dinner and Ad. Co. following Worship Service	11	12	13 NO Bible Study at PVRC Great Plains Annual Conference in Wichita June 13–16	14 FLAG DAY	15	16
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24	25	26	27 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	28	29	30

Pastor's Page

June 2018

It is hard to believe summer is here already. I pray that everyone has a great time and enjoys their outdoor time and vacation time! As your church we plan to be here and open for you all summer long.

Our annual conference in Wichita is June 13 - 16. If you have concerns, issues, or questions you would like to discuss with me please give me a call and come by for a visit. I will do my best to bring home a recap of what went on and what was discussed.

Father's Day is June 17th and it would be great to see all the fathers in church with their children (adult or other).

Our Vacation Bible School was a success as usual. We averaged around 30 young people a morning. Thank you to all who helped make this such a great event each year! It is very important to get the seed planted as early as we can.

"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself." Tecumseh

God's Blessings,

Pastor Galen



Senior Recognition Supper

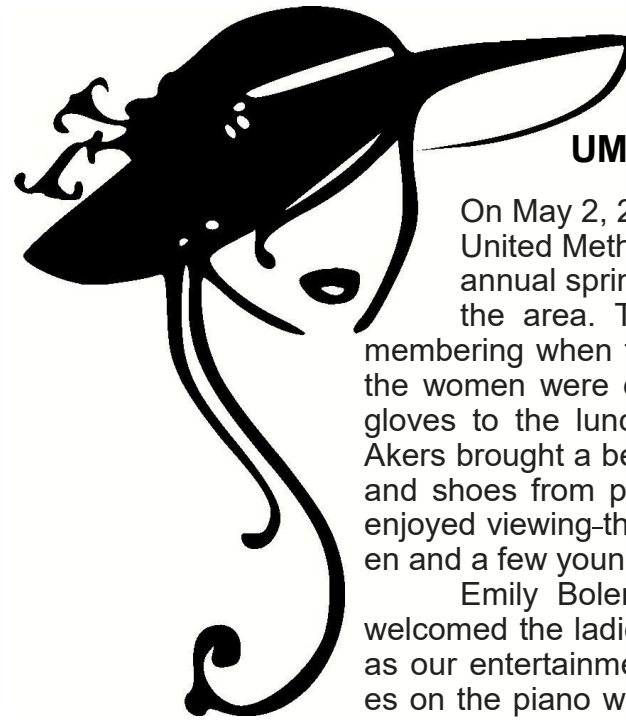
The Senior Recognition Supper was held on May 3, 2018. All the Seniors in the class of 2018 were in attendance. The ladies provided a delicious meal and Mr. Kevin Ayers gave fantastic advice in his speech. Thank you for giving the Seniors a fine evening.





AWESOME PROGRAM

Once again the Children's Choir Program was a success. "THANK YOU" ladies for all your hard work, and "THANKS" youth for your wonderful performance!



UMW Luncheon

On May 2, 2018 the Sharon Springs United Methodist Women hosted their annual spring luncheon for the women of the area. This year the theme was remembering when the luncheon first started, and the women were encouraged to wear hats and gloves to the luncheon if they wanted. Bobbie Akers brought a beautiful display of hats, gloves, and shoes from past times, and all the women enjoyed viewing-them. Approximately sixty women and a few young girls attended the luncheon.

Emily Bolen, president of the SSUMW, welcomed the ladies and introduced Mike Pipkin as our entertainment. Mike played several pieces on the piano while he sang, and encouraged the ladies to sing along. After Pastor Galen Crippen blessed the meal, the ladies enjoyed a beautiful and delicious meal prepared by the UMW ladies.

Following the luncheon, the ladies were entertained by a skit, *Nothing But the Truth* written by Torry Martin. The skit was performed by Jayne Humphrey Pearce as a sales clerk and Emily Bolen as Granny Glockenspiel. The skit encouraged us to always tell the truth, even when your friend is wearing a ridiculous looking hat. Mike closed our time with one more piano number and the ladies then visited and viewed the hats.

by Emily Bolen



Lyla Pearce, Great Granny Mary Smith, Taya Pearce, Anna Pearce.

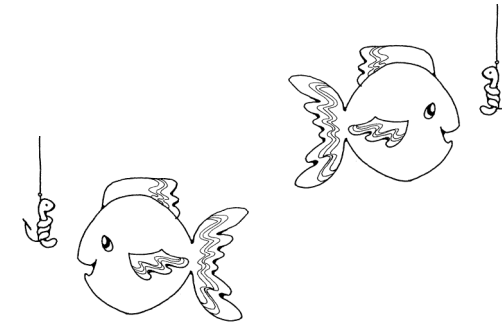
Children of Matt and Megan Pearce

The Sharon Springs UMW are pleased to announce that Autumn Mays will be attending METour June 2nd-9th, 2018. The tour this year will be heading Southwest. Please pray for Autumn and the group as they go on this adventure.



*Follow me and I will
make you fishers
of men.*

*If You are not fishing
You are not
following*



May 9, 2018 was the date for the long awaited children's choir fishing trip. Last year's trip had been cancelled due to rain, so the children and their sponsors were happy when the sun was shining and the bait was packed. The annual trip was at the Bellamy pond. This year many fish were caught and released. Children squealed as they reeled them in. Hot dogs were cooked over the fire pit and then quickly eaten. Following the hot dogs, marshmallows were toasted (some were burned) to make S'mores or to just eat them plain. The choir was also joined by The Sharon Springs Rotary Club for their monthly meeting. Just as the trip was starting to wind down a storm moved in, so everyone loaded up and headed back to town. The choir directors would like to thank the many adults that came along this year.

by *Emily Bolen*



Question: "What does the Bible say about Christian fathers?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/fathers-Christian.html>

Answer: The greatest commandment in Scripture is this: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5). Going back to verse 2, we read, “So that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.” Following Deuteronomy 6:5, we read, “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (vv. 6-7).

Israelite history reveals that the father was to be diligent in instructing his children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The father who was obedient to the commands of Scripture did just that. This brings us to Proverbs 22:6, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” To “train” indicates the first instruction that a father and mother give to a child, i.e., his early education. The training is designed to make clear to children the manner of life they are intended for. To commence a child's early education in this way is of great importance.

Ephesians 6:4 is a summary of instructions to the father, stated in both a negative and positive way. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” The negative part of this verse indicates that a father is not to foster negativity in his children by severity, injustice, partiality, or unreasonable exercise of authority. Harsh, unreasonable conduct towards a child will only serve to nurture evil in the heart. The word “provoke” means “to irritate, exasperate, rub the wrong way, or incite.” This is done by a wrong spirit and wrong methods—severity, unreasonableness, sternness, harshness, cruel demands, needless restrictions, and selfish insistence upon dictatorial authority. Such provocation will produce adverse reactions, deadening children’s affection, reducing their desire for holiness, and making them feel that they cannot possibly please their parents. A wise parent seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness.

The positive part of Ephesians 6:4 is expressed in a comprehensive direction—educate them, bring them up, develop their conduct in all of life by the instruction and admonition of the Lord. This is the whole process of educating and discipline. The word “admonition” carries the idea of reminding the child of faults (constructively) and duties (responsibilities).

The Christian father is really an instrument in God's hand. The whole process of instruction and discipline must be that which God commands and which He administers, so that His authority should be brought into constant and immediate contact with the mind, heart, and conscience of children. The human father should never present himself as the ultimate authority to determine truth and duty. It is only by making God the teacher and ruler on whose authority everything is done that the goals of education can best be attained.

Martin Luther said, “Keep an apple beside the rod to give the child when he does well.” Discipline must be exercised with watchful care and constant training with much prayer. Chastening, discipline, and counsel by the Word of God, giving both reproof and encouragement, is at the core of “admonition.” The instruction proceeds from the Lord, is learned in the school of Christian experience, and is administered by the parents—primarily the father, but also, under his direction, the mother. Christian discipline is needed to enable children to grow up with reverence for God, respect for parental authority, knowledge of Christian standards, and habits of self-control.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). A father’s first responsibility is to acquaint his children with Scripture. The means and methods that fathers may use to teach God's truth will vary. As the father is faithful in role modeling, what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their earthly lives, no matter what they do or where they go.

