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United Methodist Women Quarantine Update!

April and May are normally very busy months in our church and the Sharon Springs UMW are usually not an exception! The year of 2020 is when we all have been reminded that we are not in charge of this world, world leaders are not in charge, God is..... A few nights before things started spinning out of control, I was having trouble sleeping because I was thinking about all the things, I needed to do in the next 6-8 weeks. Choir Program, Women's Luncheon, Senior Supper, Choir fishing party, subbing for school and courthouse, and on and on..... I finally decided to just get up and make a list of what I needed to do for each activity (I'm famous for my lists, just ask my kids). Not just any list but a very organized list. When that was done, I finally was able to go to sleep. A few days later..... bam, life as we knew it changed and we found a new normal! A few days ago, I found that list. Very few things on that list were relevant anymore. Here I thought I was so in control when I made that list, but of course I wasn't.

So, here is an update on changes in the UMW's activities.

#1 The annual Spring Luncheon for May 6th, has been postponed. We hope to reschedule it for September or October, but it will depend on if the Coronavirus has slowed by then and doesn't seem to be ready to start in again. If we are able to reschedule, we will still plan on using our apron theme, so if you have any aprons this would be a good time when we all are home staying safe to get them out and mend and iron them. Or just stuff them in a bag so you will be ready. (No mending or ironing is required, just bring them to share in the fun.)

#2 Senior Recognition Supper originally scheduled for the last week in April is still up for debate. We would love to pick a different date to honor our graduates, but at this point we just want to keep them safe. If it looks like we can do this supper safely sometime in May, we will definitely try to do it.

#3 Children's Choir program: While this isn't a UMW activity I will include this. It is with much sadness that we have had to cancel the spring program. The directors miss the kids so much, but we are praying they are all staying safe!

#4 Children's Choir Fishing Party: One of the last things I said to the choir kids on our last practice before life changed was..... "And this year we hope we can go fishing!!!!" Last year we had to cancel due to weather. We still hope we can go fishing, but of course we will have to see what our world looks like in the next few months.

I hope you all are spending some time during this 'Stay at Home' time getting into God's word. He has the answers for us. Our Sharon Springs United Methodist Women's theme verse for 2020 is, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32. While we may not be in control of the actions of our government and/or our citizens, we are instructed in our Godly response. We all need to remember to be kind and compassionate, forgiving one another as God forgives us. What is happening has never happened in our life time, we all are learning as we go.

God Bless you all, and WASH YOUR HANDS!!!!

Sharon Springs United Methodist Women's President,

Emily Bolen

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Target date to open Sunday School and Church Service is Mother's Day May 10th!

Watch the church Service on line on our Facebook Page!

If you would like a CD copy, please call Emily Bolen at 785-852-1035 and it will be delivered to you.

No Prairie Village Bible Study until further notice.

Bible School that was scheduled in May has been cancelled. Options are being discussed by the leaders. Watch for more information as it comes available.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wilma Whitney

Lewis Smith

Caroline Lake

Israel Robl

Brantlie Marbut

Berna Scott

Virginia McNerny

John Fixsen

Dusty Baehler

Jerry Crippen (Pastor Galen's brother)

***To request the Prayer Chain, please contact
Pastor Galen at 316-990-3913. Help us keep
current with the prayer concerns and praise
reports.***

I came across this scripture in my readings this week and felt it very appropriate to our situation that we are going through during this time of stress and challenge.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NIV Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, (4) who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (5) For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

As we approach the end of this pandemic, we continue to praise God for all the blessings we receive and continue to pray in sincere gratitude for his being with us in every circumstance.

Our goal to reopen church services and Sunday School is now planned for Mother's Day, May 10th. Please continue to read our Facebook page in case it needs to be moved back.

As we move forward if you enjoy watching our Facebook Live feed we will be continuing to video our services live even after we reopen our services.

Please keep the faith and trust the God in charge will lift us up through this and smooth our paths out and back to the new normal.

Christ's Love to each of you,

Pastor Galen





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

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

Answer: Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. A Christian mother is told to love her children ([Titus 2:4-5](#)), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord ([Psalm 127:3-5](#)).

In [Titus 2:4](#), the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of "mother love." The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.



Mother's Day

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.



Next month: - "What does the Bible say about Christian fathers?"

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God's Word:

Availability - morning, noon, and night ([Deuteronomy 6:6-7](#))

Involvement - interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together ([Ephesians 6:4](#))

Teaching - the Scriptures and a biblical worldview ([Psalm 78:5-6](#); [Deuteronomy 4:10](#); [Ephesians 6:4](#))

Training - helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths ([Proverbs 22:6](#)) and spiritual gifts ([Romans 12:3-8](#) and [1 Corinthians 12](#))

Discipline - teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly ([Ephesians 6:4](#); [Hebrews 12:5-11](#); [Proverbs 13:24](#); [19:18](#); [22:15](#); [23:13-14](#); [29:15-17](#))

Nurture - providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love ([Titus 2:4](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#); [Ephesians 4:29-32](#); [5:1-2](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [1 Peter 3:8-9](#))

Modeling with Integrity - living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living ([Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23](#); [Proverbs 10:9](#); [11:3](#); [Psalm 37:18, 37](#)).