


November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor on vacation No Communion— District Conference 2:00 by Zoom. <i>Time Change</i>	2 Pastor on vacation	3 Pastor on vacation Election Day 	4 Pastor on vacation Kid's Choir No Prairie village BS	5 Pastor on vacation No Adult Bible Study	6	7
8 Children Sing 11:00 Ad Min Council, Trustee and Finance Committees, meet after Church. <u>Communion</u>	9	10	11 Kid's Choir Prairie Village BS 11:00 A.M.	12 Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	13	14
15	16	17 Pastor Galen Birthday	18 Kid's Choir Prairie Village BS 11:00 A.M.	19 Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	20	21
22	23	24 Kid's Choir	25 Prairie Village BS 11:00 A.M.	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30			NOVEMBER 16-23 IS NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!		



What a great time we had on Sunday! We packed 225 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes! We had great fun and fellowship too!

Thank you to Cathy and Richard Van Allen for the pizza and everyone that helped us pack! We could not have done without you!

Debra Lynn Fischer



In October the children's choir presented the armor of God in song. During our Wednesday night meeting time, they drew the Armor of God on the sidewalks! They had the Helmet of Salvation, the Breast Plate of Righteousness, the Belt of Truth, the Feet of the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit. The children were encouraged to think about putting on the Armor of God!



SERVICE COMMITTEE
(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Etta Walker, Chairman
Sharon Van Allen
Angela Van Allen
Jennifer Smith
Claire Helsel
Noah Van Allen

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

UMW Women Dec. 2—Prepare college student's care packages

UMW Women Dec. 9—Prepare Cookie Plates at Church

The United Methodist Women will be once again packing boxes of goodies for our college students to eat during their final weeks of study. These boxes will be packed on December 2nd at 5:30. If you would like to contribute to these boxes please have these items to the church by 5:30 on the 2nd. The women usually pack around 30 boxes each year. Suggested items are; cookies, candy, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, gum, nuts, raisins or any other small edible items. Women packing the boxes will be asked to wear masks as they pack the boxes. Due to the college classes having a different schedule because of the pandemic, we will need the updated information of where each student will be at this time.

On December 6, 2020, the Sharon Springs United Methodist Church Wesley Children's Choir plan to present The Mystery of the Manger created and arranged by Celeste and David Clydesdale. In The Mystery of the Manger, James Blonde, an investigative reporter for The Morning Star newspaper wants the facts...just the facts! His questions and searching make headline news on Christmas morning. As he observes rehearsal for the Christmas Eve pageant, the children, led by their director Mrs. Evans, try to teach him through their songs that "Like the Wise Men" we're all searching for the truth, and that the gospel accounts of Jesus' life are "The Gospel Truth." In examining these facts from Scripture, will he discover the overwhelming proof that the baby born 2,000 years ago in that manger IS the Savior of the world? Come join us as approximately 30 will sing dance and perform for you. It will be an amazing performance and we are quite sure you will be blessed! Due to one of our directors having some health issues we are looking for someone to help backstage during the program. We also would like to ask for prayers that the directors and the children will stay well during this time, so that this program can be presented to the church!



The United Methodist Women will be packing their annual Christmas Cookie plates on December 9th. This ministry outreach is for the elderly and shut-ins of our church and our community. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there are many people that fall into this category. Please contact the church office with anyone that you feel should be taken a plate. The women will meet at 1:00 to prepare the boxes. Women preparing the cookie plates will be asked to wear masks as they fill the plates. If you are unable to help fill the plates, but are able to bring cookies or candies, just leave them in the church kitchen on the 9th. Thank you! No United Methodist Women is scheduled for November, praying we will be able to meet on December 2, 2020!

Vererans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday, to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a 'just war'. Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field

of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Than you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.

Let us remember our fallen heroes, their families and all who have lost loved ones. Often times Thanksgiving and Christmas are especially difficult for them. Please lift them up and pray that they may receive encouragement and peace.



Pastor's Page

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As we move toward the end of a very challenging 2020 how is it with your soul? I know this is not an easy question to answer but it is important to review our attitudes now and then. As hard as 2020 has been please consider what good has happened also. God is always there to be by our side if we look for him.

Thanksgiving being right around the corner is a perfect time to start working on a list of what we need to be thankful for.

With the COVID-19 raising its ugly head again it is going to slow down how we may spend our holiday season. I am praying we will be able to spend time with our families as well as our church family. If we start our praying for healing both mental and physical we can still enjoy and celebrate the holiday season. Don't let yourself feel you are alone since there many special people around here, including myself, that you can feel free to visit with in person or by phone.

Let's make 2021 an above average year. Set your mind on God and follow his path to see how great a year you can have.

God's Love,
Pastor Galen

