






# November 2018

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church  
 Pastor Galen Crippen  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 	7 UMW 1:15 p.m. Prairie Village Bible Study Children's Choir 3:30—4:30	8	9	10 "How to Choose Joy" Community Woman's conference at the Church 9:00 am - 12:00 Connie Harrison / Jacalyn Mai
11 11:00am Children sing 12:00pm Ad. Co./ basket dinner. Charge Conference-Goodland	12	13	14 Prairie Village Bible Study Children's Choir 3:30-4:30	15	16	17 Pastor Galen's Birthday 
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## THANKSGIVING BEATITUDES

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenger, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

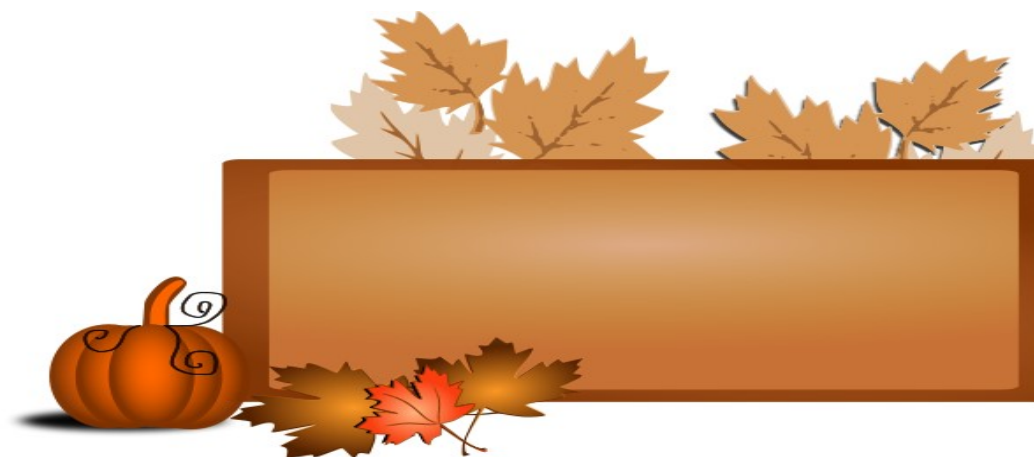
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*"In everything give thanks..."*  
**GIVE THANKS**  
*with a grateful heart*  
1 Thessalonians 5:18

## YOU ARE HERE

As I approached a brightly lit, vertical floor plan at a mall, I noticed a woman standing in front of it for quite a while. "Can I help you find something?" I offered. As people scurried around us, she replied, "No thanks. I'm just pausing for a moment." Then, pointing to the arrow that announced, "You are here," she said, "I need to be reminded sometimes."

Don't we all! When life gets crazy, perhaps we need to stop, like the wise woman at the mall, and remind ourselves that we don't have to try to be everywhere at once. We're "here", and that's the only place we can be. Better still, we can imagine a bright arrow pointing to where we are in life, proclaiming, "God is here!"





There will not be a Pastor's Page due to Pastor Galen's illness. Please keep him and Cheryl in your prayers. Look for the Pastor's Page next month.



On September 30th, Pastor Galen received into membership of the Sharon Springs Methodist Church Angela Van Allen, Sharon Van Allen and Barbara Engel. Milton Tokoi also was received into membership on September 23, 2018.

### **United Methodist Women Soup Supper**

Oct 17, 2018 the United Methodist Women held their annual soup supper. Chicken noodle soup and Chili were served along with many choices of salad and dessert. A large crowd was in attendance. This soup supper is the women's yearly fund raiser. The money raised is used for many projects in the church and for missions. The women would like to thank all the women that helped with the supper and all the people that came to eat the soup.

### **Children's Choir Gets Ready For Christmas Program**

The Children's Choir has started preparing for their annual Christmas program. This year's program will be held on December 2nd at 11:00 A.M. The children will present "Straight Out of Bethlehem" by Christy Semsen. This Christmas musical tells the story of the first Christmas from the point of view of a group of orphans living in the same Bethlehem inn that Mary and Joseph visit.

### **College Student Christmas Boxes**

On November 28th the women will meet at 5:30 to pack boxes to mail to our college students. These boxes are to help them get through their finals week. If you would like to help donate to these boxes, please have your item at the church by 5:30. Items can include cookies (in baggies), individual snacks, gum, candy, granola bars, nuts, hot chocolate mix, single serve microwave popcorn. If you have a college student, please notify Emily Bolen, or the church office of their address.

Just a reminder that the UMW women will be preparing Christmas Cookie Plates at the church on December 12th, at 1:00 P.M.

