



October 2020

Sharon Springs Methodist Church
 Pastor Galen Crippen
 520 W. 6th Ave., P.O. Box 339
 Sharon Springs, KS 67758

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Sunday School 9:45 A.M.</i> <i>Worship Service 11:00 every Sunday</i></p>				1	2	3
<p>4 World Communion Sunday</p>	5	6	<p>7 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Kid's Choir 3:30</p>	<p>8 Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	9	10
<p>11 Choir Sings 11:00 Adm Co Mtg following Church Service</p>	12	13	<p>14 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Kid's Choir 3:30</p>	<p>15 Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	16	17
18	19	20	<p>21 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Kid's Choir 3:30</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	23	24
25	26	27	<p>28 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Kid's Choir 3:30</p>	<p>29 Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	30	31

October Kitchen Committee

Bev Elder, Chairman
Pat Van Allen
Jean Elder
Allison Mitchell
Georgia Pancake
Darla Mather
Doris Mote



UMW UPDATE

October United Methodist Women update: The Sharon Springs UMW still is in a holding pattern to meet at our regular sessions. Due to Covid 19 finally being confirmed in Wallace County, we feel it is best to wait until November to meet. We pray that at that time we will be able to meet once again. It is with deep regret that we also as postponing our annual soup supper. Maybe a January soup supper will be possible????
Emily Bolen President

MISSING FROM THE CHURCH!

WE ARE MISSING A SMALL YELLOW STEP LADDER. IF YOU KNOW OF ITS WHEREABOUTS , PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR DELGAR FINLEY. THANKS!!



2020 SHARON SPRINGS UMC OFFICERS & GROUPS (PROPOSED)

Adm. Council Chair:* Lynn Kirkham Recording Secy: -----Patty Lock Trustee
Rep.:* Inga Sloan

Lay Leaders: *Cecil & Jayne Pearce PPRC Co-Chair: Peg Hennick and Deb Benisch

Finance Chair: *Debra Fischer Treasurer: *Wanda Funk Financial Secre-
tary: Judy Raney

Membership Secretary: Phyllis Finley UMM Rep: Craig Sloan UMW
Rep: Emily Bolen

Youth Reps: Claire Helsel, Annual Conf. Lay Delegate: Jayne Pearce

Education Chair: Deb Benisch Alternate: Debra Fischer

Code: *members are on Finance Committee Underlined positions are on Adminis-
trative Council.

At-Large Members: Larry Van Allen, Peg Hennick, Wanda Funk

Classes of 2020 2021 2022

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Angela Van Allen	Jeanette Compton	Peg Hennick
Melinda Daily	Sharon Van Allen	Deb Benisch

Board of Trustees (Elect President in January)

Inga Sloan	Curtis Daily	Mike Pipkin
David Lock	Vernon Fischer	Kathy McDaniel
Kevin Van Allen		

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating)

Jori Daily	Peg Hennick	Bev Keller
Kim Van Laeys	Emily Bolen	Patty Lock
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Auditors: Jeanette Compton, Craig Sloan.

Building Use: Chair: Pastor Galen: Janine Baehler, Deb Benisch, Bev Elder, Jacalyn Mai, Lois Pearce, Pastor Galen Crippen.

Communion Stewards: Chair: Bev Keller, Deb Benisch, Phyllis Finley, Peg Hennick, JoeLene Hunter, Connie Okeson, Liz Sweat.

Worship: Chair: Peg Hennick, Bev Keller, Jeanette Compton, Shirley Rains,
Claire Helsel, Kathy McDaniel, Bobby Akers.

Christmas Tree: Jordan Gonzales, Taylor Compton, Jeanette Compton.

Disaster Coordinator: Aften Gardner.

Education Committee: Chair Deb Benisch, YOUTH: Brenda Tropf, Angela Van Allen.,
Kevin Van Allen, Vernon Fischer, Kim Van Laeys (Camping),
Phyllis Finley (Cradle Roll), Pat Van Allen* (Treas.), Deb Benisch,
and Kathy McDaniel (Adults); Carol Sweat and Etta Walker (VBS)

Finance (ALL): Chair: Debra Fischer; Treasurer: Wanda Funk; Financial Secretary: Judy Raney

Adm Council Chair: Lynn Kirkham; Trustee Rep.: Inga Sloan; Sunday School Treasurer: Pat Van Allen; Building Fund Secretary: Bev Elder; Lay Leader: Cecil Pearce

Historians: Peggy Fischer.

Memorials: Chair: Lil Swartz, Pat Van Allen, Ramona Zortman

Missions: Melinda Daily, Kim Van Laeys, Wendy Benisch, Rebecca Rains.

Music: Chair: Rita Kirkham, Lois Pearce, Bev Elder, Cecil & Jayne Pearce, Jacalyn Mai, Aften Gardner

Parsonage: Chair: Peg Hennick, Emily Bolen, Mike Pipkin

UMW President: Emily Bolen. UMM President: Craig Sloan.

UMC Offices & Groups

Please look this over. Would you like to remain on these committee's for the 2021 year? We would appreciate it if you would. If your name is not on the list and you would like to be included, please let Peg Hennick or Emily Bolen know.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

“WOW” ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy, toothpaste, gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

ENVELOPE USE ONLY

Everything you need for Shoebox Season!

As we kick off a new season of Operation Christmas Child, we want to make sure you have everything you need to pack shoebox gifts—and to share this great opportunity with your church. Just visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to order specially designed, preprinted shoeboxes to fill with fun toys and other items. You can get 12 colorful and durable plastic boxes for just \$18 or choose our sturdy cardboard option that comes in packs of 50 for \$25.

We also offer a wide variety of free resources for you to spread the word about Operation Christmas Child. If you need extra brochures like the one enclosed in this letter, you can order them online or call 1-800-353-5949 to let us know how many you need. Posters, prayer bookmarks, and many other resources are available as well.



AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PREPARE TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT ...



1 **SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.



2 **“WOW” ITEM:** Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

3 **OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4 **PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.



5 **DONATE \$9 PER BOX:** A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by check using the attached postage-paid envelope. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



6 **DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, November 16-23**. Visit our website to find one near you.

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Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2020. We will be having a packing party at the United Methodist Church in October. Our goal for this year is to pack 200 boxes! I will also have shoe boxes available for people to take and pack on their own or with their children/grandchildren. It is a fun thing to do with your kids! If you have any questions, or would like to pick up a shoebox to pack, just give me a call!

Debra Lynn Fischer: cell phone 620-376-8897

October "Mission of the Month"

World Communion Sunday

In 1933, a Pittsburgh pastor, Hugh Thompson Kerr, had a unique idea. What if churches all around the world celebrated Holy Communion on the same Sunday? He contacted leaders of various denominations worldwide. His idea was met with such warm enthusiasm that celebrating the sacrament on the first Sunday of October is now an annual affair. It unites Christians throughout the world, or in the word of the popular hymn:

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.



Pastor's Page

October 2020

Welcome to fall! Have you stopped to consider that we are currently living in a time that will be talked about for the next 100 years or so? It will be like the Old Testament when God released the plagues on Egypt to get their attention and listen to Moses. Whom should we be listening to and following so that we can get over our plague?

October is such a pretty month when God shows off His personal artwork. With the foliage turning colors and the weather getting a nip to it we need to get out, enjoy it and thank God.

We are having about 40 per week here in church, but our average on Facebook Live has averaged about 80! We love having you however you get here, but would like to encourage you to come and enjoy our service in church so that we can enjoy your company and smiling face!

God's Blessings,

Pastor Galen





The Wesley Children's Choir is in full swing! They meet every Wednesday from 3:20-4:30. On September 13, 2020 they performed Amen! The Treasure of Heaven Is Alive! By Celeste Clydesdale at Sunday morning worship. Some changes have been made with the choir due to the Covid 19 concerns. Snacks are still served, but the children wash their hands before (which we have always done) and after the snack. The choir is singing in the sanctuary to spread the children out a little farther. A game is still played every week, however we try to play games that minimize the amount of touching each other. This last week we played a game that encouraged learning a Bible verse. We had a discussion on the verse and what it meant, practiced it, then had teams race to put the verse on the clothesline. The verse we were learning was, Psalm 139:4 "Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely O Lord." The children also had to sprint across the parking lot to get their card.

Our choir is blessed with great directors and extra help. Pastor Galen helps keep everyone in line and Sheryl Crippen has volunteered to help with snacks! Mike Pipken also pops in some weeks to entertain us with his guitar and help with snacks, games, and anything we ask. Thanks to all! Our next performance will be October 11, 2020 at Sunday morning worship.

The directors are starting to plan for the Christmas program. There is still time to get your child to choir so they can be a part of our performance. We are praying for God's guidance on how to keep everyone safe that is a part of our program. Teaching our children God's word is always important, but during these hard times it is even more so!! We would like to ask the congregation to keep the choir in your prayers. Thank you!

