

# SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## From Where I Sit ...

The sixth of this month is Epiphany - the twelfth day of Christmas, the arrival of the magi, the first acknowledgment of the Christ child by the outside world. It is also a call to each of us.

### *The magi*

*Will you study these signs  
as carefully  
as you study the prices  
In the Christmas catalogues?*

*Will you seek out the manger  
as diligently  
as you search for the right scarf  
or this year's toy?*

*Will you examine  
your heart's pilgrimage  
and be sure towards what stable  
it carries its precious gifts?*

*Will you be a wise fool  
to find and follow  
the strange star of truth  
In a sky full of glittering lies?*

Godfrey Rust 1997

I think I'll follow the star.

With prayers for love and light,  
Rev. Wally



### Worship

All in-person worship and gatherings are suspended until further notice.

**Drive-In Worship** will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Watch Rev. Wally's sermon on Facebook or on the church website, [www.sharondecatour.org](http://www.sharondecatour.org)

### Giving

Giving is still vital as the church building continues to consume utilities and salaries continue to be paid. You may make your tithe contributions in one of three ways:

- **Mail your contribution** to the church office at 4363 W. Center Street, Decatur, 62522.
- **Drop off your contribution** at the church. Martha will be in the office on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Pull through the front approach and honk your horn.
- **Give online** at our website [www.sharondecatour.org](http://www.sharondecatour.org) and click on "Church Connect" under Online Giving. You may give by credit/debit card or ACH/Checking Transfer.

### Stay Connected

If you have not signed up for our email list or prayer texts, please consider doing one or both. These are the quickest and easiest ways for us to get information out to everyone at the same time. Here's how:

- **Email list** - Visit the church website and click on "Join email list."
- **Text Chain** - Text the words @sumcprayer to the number 81010 and follow the prompts.

Give Martha a call if you need help with any of the above :-)

## Missions Offerings This Month ...

Sunday, January 17     **Jacques Akasa Umembudi** (brown envelope offering)  
 Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberian Pastors**

Sunday, January 31     **Human Relations Day** Offering

★ Offerings may be given on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the church on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m.  
 On Wednesdays, pull through the front approach and honk. If you need to make other arrangements,  
 please call or text Martha at 855-2919. Thank you!

## Ad Council Meeting

The first Ad Council meeting of the new year will be held on **Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.** Tom would like all committees to meet prior to the 21st to welcome new members and get up to speed on any committee business that needs to be addressed. Chairpersons, please schedule your date through the office. If you need an updated list of committee of members, Martha can provide that. Meetings will need to be conducted using Zoom. If you need help scheduling or facilitating a meeting, please contact Martha.

## Scout Fundraiser Dinner

Scout Troops 91/911 are planning a **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** in partnership with Nelson's Catering. The event will take place on **Tuesday, January 12, from 4:30-7:00 p.m.** Dinners are \$10 each and may be purchased online at the link below. Complete details are there, as well. Click the "Add to Cart" button as many times as meals you are purchasing.

<https://nelsonscatering.com/decatour-scout-troop-91>



10	Sean Johnson	4	Wayne & Linda Masters
11	Stan Lehn		
13	Mike Landacre		
14	Nate Doty		
17	Wayne Masters		
19	Linda Wilson		
22	Tracy Albert		
24	David Plunkett		
24	Alisha Johnston		
24	Joshua Leeper		