



Sharing Christ • Uniting as family • Maturing in faith • Calling others

# Sharon

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



Charlotte Elliott was born in England in 1789. She had church in her blood but was not at first very enthusiastic (as many of us are not) about the idea of church. Eventually, though (as many of us do), she came to find a gulf between herself and God. In 1835, after struggling with an understanding of herself as unworthy of God's love, she wrote these words:

*Just as I am - without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

In 1934, a young man named Billy Graham attended a revival where he committed his life to Christ to the tune of "Just as I Am," a hymn he would use at nearly every revival he preached throughout his life.

Just as I am. A perfect understanding of the requirement God places upon us, isn't it? No schooling, no degrees, no training - just a willingness to go, to follow, to be, and to do. To the twelve, "Follow me." To Mary and Martha, "Follow me." To the Samaritan woman, "Follow me." To Zacchaeus, "Follow me." Perhaps not always those exact words, but always that intent. That same invitation to you and to me.

It's always been interesting to me that God does not call us to "right thinking" or "correct doctrine" or "proper training." God calls us to commitment, to behavior, to love. Of course, it is a life-long pursuit to figure out and learn what that commitment, behavior, and love are but, at first, God simply calls us Just As We Are.

*Just as I am - Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

With prayers for peace and grace,  
Rev. Wally



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# August 2022

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91 Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Troop 911 Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Men's & Women's Summer Bible Studies	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91 Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Troop 911 Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3:30pm Worship Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Men's & Women's Summer Bible Studies	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91 Meeting 5:00pm - 6:00pm Troop 91/911 Joint Committee Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Troop 911 Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm Troop 91/911 Joint Court of Honor	<b>22</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>29</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	

- 5 Sarah Caldwell
- 9 Sarah Holmes
- 22 Pat Bales
- 22 Debbie Johnson



# SHARING CHRIST ...



### ★A friendly reminder:

Please make any donation checks out to **Sharon United Methodist Church** and name the receiving ministry in the memo.

### Missions Offerings

Reach out to those in need in our community and world by participating in the following offering opportunities:

#### August 21

- ♥ Third Sunday Offering for **Dove Financial Assistance**
- ♥ Children’s Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastors**



Join us on the north lawn for worship!

### August 14

Bring a lawn chair.

If the weather doesn’t cooperate, we’ll head inside.

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

*Matthew 25:40*

# UNITING AS FAMILY ...



### Upcoming Meetings

**Worship**  
Wednesday, August 10  
3:30 p.m.

**Ad Council**  
Thursday, August 11  
6:30 p.m.

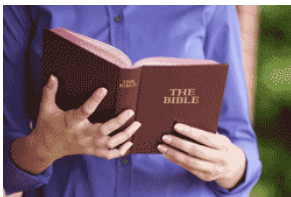


### Prayer Chain

If you are not currently a member and would like to join, here’s how:

1. To join the **text chain**, text **@sumcprayer** to the number 81010 and follow the prompts.
2. To join the **phone chain**, please talk to Beverly Carmean (422-7115 or 433-1242)

# MATURING IN FAITH ...



- Nursery**  
Lisa Landacre
- Elementary**  
Jarred Leeper
- Jr. High-College**  
Mike Landacre
- Wesley**  
Mandi Podeschi
- Good News**  
Tom & Martha Leeper



CALLING  
OTHERS ...



Scouting News

- Troop 91/911 Meetings:  
**Sundays**  
(August 7, 14, 21)  
3:30-7:30 p.m.
- Cub Scout Meetings:  
**Mondays**  
(August 22, 29)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Serve the LORD with gladness!

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Ushers</b>	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper
	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper
	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Nate Doty	Ben Holmes
<b>Liturgist</b>	Tom Leeper	Mandi Podeschi	Ben Holmes	Lori Leeper
<b>Nursery</b>	Cindy Landacre	Jenna Leeper	Lori Leeper	Cindy Landacre
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	6/26/2022	7/3/22	7/10/22	7/17/22
Tithe	\$1,660.00	\$3,945.00	\$1,570.00	\$2,085.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S. School	\$16.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,676.00</b>	<b>\$3,980.00</b>	<b>\$1,576.00</b>	<b>\$2,095.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Need - \$2,335.00</b>				



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