



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

Sharon

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

That is part of the Breastplate (prayer) of St. Patrick. It's a beautiful piece - look it up. You remember Patrick: patron saint of Ireland (although he was neither Irish - a Romano-Briton who was kidnapped by Irish pirates at the age of 16 - nor officially canonized); said to have driven the snakes out of Ireland (although there have not been snakes in Ireland since the first Ice Age); the reason so many Irish Americans celebrate March 17 (his feast day/day of his death) with parades and beer even though the Irish themselves treat it more as a solemn holy day.)

But do you remember St. Brigid? Her feast day is February 1. She is/was also a patron saint of Ireland, living about the same time as Patrick. In fact, they were pretty good friends. But, being a girl and all, she did not get as much credit or publicity. In fact, I have heard a rumor that the Church un-canonized her (can that really happen?) a few years back because she shares a name with a pagan goddess. (I heard the rumor but can't find any proof.)

The point of all this chatter from me is these are not just saints that belong to some other denomination. They are our saints, too. We need to learn about them and grow from their examples of faith, courage, commitment, and resolve. Patrick overcame his enslavement to pirates and imprisonment to bring the good news to a land that needed good news. And Brigid was a healer, often risking her own health and life to care for someone else.

During this Lent I would encourage you to learn more about the saints. They make our lives richer. Try finding one who has a feast day near your birthday (for example, Francis of Assisi and my Debby share October 4.) Try here: <http://catholicsaints.info/calendar-of-saints/>

May you have a blessed and enriching Lent.
Rev. Wally



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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	27	28 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	1	2	3 World Day of Prayer	4
5 Holy Communion 8:00am - 9:00am Pancake Breakfast 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	6 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	7 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	13 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	14 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study	15	16 6:00pm - 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice 6:00pm Pack 91 Committee Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	20 First Day of Spring 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	21 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice	22	23 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	24	25
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Herb Gulick

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Ben Holmes

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Bev Carmean

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Mike & Cindy Landacre



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:

March 5

- ♥ Monetary donations for **SV Primary Snack Pack Project**
- ♥ Return **NLPC Change For Life** baby bottles

March 19

- ♥ Third Sunday Offering for **Gaston Ntambo**

- ♥ Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastors**

March 26

- ♥ **UMCOR Sunday**



All Month:

Dove Domestic Violence Shelter

- ♥ OTC medicines for infants/toddlers/small children:
 - Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin)
 - Benadryl
 - Tylenol
 - Vaseline
- ♥ Hygiene Products
- ♥ Most needed:
 - Toothpaste
 - Mouthwash (alcohol-free)

UNITING AS FAMILY ...



Adult Choir Begins

Thursday, March 16
Tuesdays, March 21, 28;
April 4
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us as we prepare for the Easter Cantata!

Committee Meetings

Ad Council Meeting
Thursday, March 23
6:30 p.m.



Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m.

A love offering will be taken for East Bay Camp.

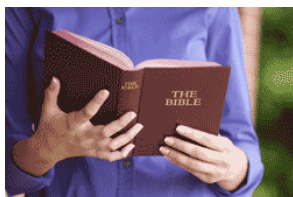


Nathan & Jenna Doty
1757 N. Wyckles Rd.
Decatur, IL 62522



Sunday, March 12

MATURING IN FAITH ...



Sunday School Classes:

Nursery

Lisa Landacre

Elementary

Lori Leeper

Jr. High-College

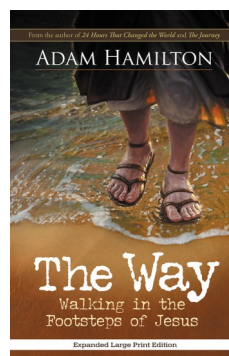
Mike Landacre

Wesley

Mandi Podeschi

Good News

Martha Leeper



Join us for a Special Combined Adult Sunday School Class During Lent

"The Way"
by Adam Hamilton

Sundays, February 26-April 2
10:15-11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Refreshments will be served!

CALLING OTHERS ...



Scouting News

- **Troop 91/911 Meetings**
March 5, 12, 19
3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Joint Court of Honor**
March 26 3:00 p.m.
Potluck dinner
- **Joint Committee Meeting**
March 26 following dinner
- **Pack 91 Meetings**
March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Serve the LORD with gladness!

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Ushers	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre
	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper
	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty
Liturgist	Lori Leeper	Tom Leeper	Debbie Johnson	Martha Leeper
Nursery	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre
Acolyte	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	1/29/2023	2/5/23	2/12/23	2/19/23
Tithe	\$370.00	\$2,715.00	\$2,430.00	\$836.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$60.00	\$80.00
S. School	\$7.00	\$13.00	\$11.00	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$377.00	\$2,908.00	\$2,501.00	\$921.00
Weekly Budget Need - \$1,965.00				



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