



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

# Sharon

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



May is a month of special days. Maybe other months have a lot of special days, too - but it strikes me that May might have more than its share.

May 1 - May Day. Maypoles and dancing around them, weaving in and out covering the pole with colored ribbons. Leaving a basket of flowers on some special one's doorstep and then running away like crazy so he or she won't know who you are. (By the way, I have, for some reason, NEVER Participated in May Day festivities.)



May 4 - Star Wars Day. May the Force be with you.

May 13 - Susan Komen More Than Pink event (at least in our house.)

Second Sunday in May - Mother's Day.

Last Monday in May - Memorial Day (used to be Decoration Day on May 30 but was changed to Memorial Day and the last Monday in 1970.)

There may be more but I'm just mentioning one more - Aldersgate Day.

On May 24, 1738 John Wesley went to Aldersgate Chapel in London to hear a reading from Martin Luther's preface to the book of Romans. He was not excited about it. Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

From that moment leaped the hallmark of Methodism, the "heart strangely warmed" and God has been at work through those Methodists ever since.

With prayers for peace and grace,  
Rev. Wally



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# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</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 91/911 Meetings 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Joint Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00am Baby Shower for Mason Holmes
<b>14</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>15</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Pack 91 Committee Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Aldersgate Sunday</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Stellar VBS Meeting #2
<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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David Welch  
Glenda Kraft  
Rosemary Jones  
Melissa Rinchiuso  
Mike Albert

21 John & Glenda Kraft

# 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:

#### May 21

- ♥ Third Sunday Offering for **Gaston Ntambo**
- ♥ Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastors**

### All month

- ♥ **"Stellar" VBS Supplies** - Watch for the display in Fellowship Hall, beginning May 7!



*"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*

**When people need help...  
shine Jesus' light!**

# UNITING AS FAMILY ...



### Ad Council Meeting

Thursday, May 25  
6:30 p.m.



for *Mason Holmes*

Saturday, May 13  
10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sarah and Mason are registered at Target and Babylist.

### Aldersgate

Sunday  
May 21  
9:00 a.m.



Join us as we remember John Wesley's Aldersgate experience on May 24, 1738; remember how our churches have shared the Good News of Jesus Christ across our communities; and renew our commitment to answer God's call in the days ahead.

### Pentecost Sunday

May 28 9:00 a.m.

Let's celebrate the birthday of the church! Wear **red, orange, or yellow**. We will receive new members and welcome them to Sharon with a reception following worship.



# MATURING IN FAITH ...



**Nursery**  
Lisa Landacre

**Elementary**  
Lori Leeper

**Jr. High-College**  
Mike Landacre

**Wesley**  
Mandi Podeschi

**Good News**  
Martha Leeper



## "STELLAR" VBS

June 26-30

9:00-11:30 a.m. daily

Online registration opens **Saturday, May 13.**

Volunteer Meeting - **Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m.**

CALLING  
OTHERS ...



**Scouting News**

- Troop 91/911 Meetings  
**Sundays**  
(May 7, 21)  
3:30-5:00 p.m

**Joint Committee Mtg.**  
May 7, 5:00 p.m.

- Cub Scout Meetings  
**Mondays**  
(May 1, 8, 15)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.



**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>Ushers</b>	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre	★ Mike Landacre
	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper
	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty	Nate Doty
<b>Liturgist</b>	Lisa Landacre	Tom Leeper	Mandi Podeschi	Debbie Johnson
<b>Nursery</b>	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God					
	3/26/23	4/2/23	4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23
Tithe	\$1,585.00	\$2,215.00	\$3,085.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,545.00
Loose Plate	\$82.00	\$80.00	\$320.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
S. School	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$9.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,677.00</b>	<b>\$2,301.00</b>	<b>\$3,405.00</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>	<b>\$1,674.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Need - \$1,965.00</b>					



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