



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

Sharon

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'ence, praise.*

John Greenleaf Whittier wrote those words in 1872. Born in 1807 in Massachusetts, he became a passionate Quaker poet and abolitionist, eventually becoming a strong supporter of Abraham Lincoln.



Interestingly, he suffered from poor health his entire life. While he desperately wanted to become an active participant in the anti-slavery efforts, his health kept him from doing so. In fact, his health kept him from doing almost anything. So, at an early age, he turned to writing. Some prose, some poetry (some which were turned into hymns), some religious, some secular - he wrote it all, prolifically.

In spite of his poor health, he still lived to be eighty-four years old.

Sometimes life does not turn out the way we expect it to. In fact, I would guess that most of the time life is different from what we imagined it would be. So many parts of life that have brought good times, bad times, easy times, hard times - all unexpectedly. We rejoice in the better times, we mourn in the more difficult times.

And yet, we read in the Letter to the Romans that God works for good in all things, with those who are called according to his purposes. All things. All. That means, briefly, that God is present, no matter what. In our foolishness, we think we have been abandoned. Nothing could be further from the truth. God was, is, and always will be with us.

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways....*

Peace,
Rev. Wally



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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Pentecost 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	29 Memorial Day	30 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	31	1	2	3
4 Holy Communion Trinity Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	5	6 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	7	8	9	10
11 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am East Bay Worship (Rev. Wally preaching) 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Joint Committee Meeting	12	13 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	14 Flag Day	15 6:00pm - 7:15pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	19 6:00pm STELLAR VBS Decorating Night	20 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm Summer Park Runs - SUMC Night	21 First Day of Summer	22 6:00pm - 7:15pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	23	24 9:00am - 4:00pm East Bay Work Retreat (7:45 a.m. meet at Hickory Point AMC Theater)
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2	Brooks Hyden	5	Mike & Connie Albert
12	Pat Dunn	5	Mark & Jennifer Hosler
13	Mitch Williams	9	Jared & Lori Leeper
14	Ashton Williams	15	Rev. Wally & Debby Carlson
16	Jenna Doty	27	Martin & Theresa Sunderland
25	Diane Malone		
27	Jean Lehn		
28	Lisa Landacre		
28	Lori Leeper		



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:

June 4

- ♥ **Peace with Justice**
Advance Offering

June 18

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

All month

- ♥ **"Stellar" VBS** Please return all donations by Sunday, June 11.



"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 ...



Camp News

June 11 - 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Wally will be preaching at the chapel. All are invited!

June 24 - Work Retreat

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
We will meet at 7:45 a.m. outside the movie theater at Hickory Point Mall and carpool together. See Mike Landacre for more information.

Thank you for the gift cards I received in honor of Administrative Professionals Day! I love my job and am so thankful that God called me almost 18 years ago to work in our church office. I truly enjoy serving God by serving my church family, and I am blessed by each of you!

♥ Martha ♥

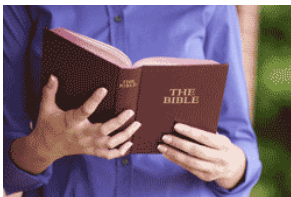


Prayer Chain

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 ...



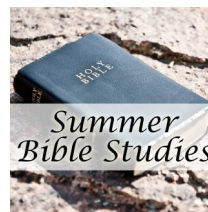
Nursery
Lisa Landacre

Elementary
Lori Leeper

Jr. High-College
Mike Landacre

Wesley
Mandi Podeschi

Good News
Martha Leeper



Thursdays

June 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20

6:00-7:15 p.m.
Tom & Martha Leeper's home/
farm office

Women:

*A Woman Who Doesn't Quit:
5 Habits from The Book of Ruth*
by Nicki Koziarz
Study Guide - \$15

Men:

Everybody Always
by Bob Goff
Study Guide - \$10

CALLING
OTHERS ...



Scouting News

- Troop 91/911 Meetings
Sundays
(June 4, 11)
3:30-5:00 p.m

Joint Committee Mtg.
June 11, 5:00 p.m.

- Cub Scout Meetings
No meetings until August.



"STELLAR" VBS

June 26-30

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

Online registration: www.sharondecatur.org

Decorating Night

Monday, June 19

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Pizza will be served.
Wear old clothes and help us
with final decorating and de-
sign elements.

Summer Park Runs

Tuesday, June 20

6:00 p.m. at Fairview Park

Help us serve up sno-cones
to all runners and VBS
invitations to all kids!



Serve the LORD with gladness!

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Ushers	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper	★Tom Leeper
	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper
	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes
Liturgist	Martha Leeper	Ben Holmes	Lori Leeper	Debbie Johnson
Nursery	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre
Acolyte	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	4/30/2023	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23
Tithe	\$356.00	\$4,340.00	\$2,430.00	\$2,945.00
Loose Plate	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$80.00	\$140.00
S. School	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$487.00	\$4,511.00	\$2,518.00	\$3,094.00
Weekly Budget Need - \$1,965.00				



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