



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

Sharon

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



We are truly in one of my favorite times of year. The world is colorful. Allergies notwithstanding, the weather is beautiful. Even the rainy days have a certain mysterious quality. It's World Series time. It's apple season. (I don't get the fascination with pumpkin spice.) It's my wife's birthday. And, on that same day, October 4, we celebrate St Francis of Assisi.

Some years ago I discovered I was a Franciscan whether I knew it or not. There are a lot of similarities between the Franciscans and the other religious orders. Perhaps if I spent as much time with Jesuits or Benedictines or whomever I might be drawn to them, as well, but that's not my history. All of them seek to follow Jesus, to be Christ-like. I just know more Franciscans.

"Pax et bonum" That's their motto. "Peace and the Good." I like that. And you know the prayer. We use it in church from time to time.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

To follow Jesus. That's the point, isn't it?

There are a lot of ways to be like Jesus. This is one of them. So is Methodism. And Presbyterianism. And Lutheranism. And more and more and more. And we are all better when we celebrate the sameness and difference.

With prayers for peace - and the good,
Rev. Wally



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October 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Holy Communion World Communion Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	2	6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	3	10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study (Evening Class)	4	6:30pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	5	9:00am - 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Morning Class)	6		7	9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll at Cresthaven Park
8	9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	9	Columbus Day 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	10	10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study (Evening Class)	11	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:30pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	12	9:00am - 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Morning Class)	13		14	8:00am - 2:00pm Fall Rummage Sale 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll at Cresthaven Park
15	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	16	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	17	10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study (Evening Class)	18	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:30pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	19	9:00am - 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Morning Class)	20		21	9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll at Cresthaven Park
22	150th Anniversary Celebration 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am - 12:00pm Chicken Noodle Lunch 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	23	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	24	10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study (Evening Class)	25	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:30pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	26	9:00am - 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Morning Class)	27		28	9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll at Cresthaven Park
29	Reformation Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	30	11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	31	Reformation Day 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters 6:00pm - 7:30pm Women's Bible Study (Evening Class)	1	All Saints Day 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:30pm - 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	2	9:00am - 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Morning Class)	3		4	

8 Laverne & Diane Malone
22 Jay & Tracy Albert

4 Debby Carlson
14 Amy Angel
14 Jennifer Williams
15 Julie Patterson
15 Lynn Dixon
16 Neal Sunderland
17 Zach Johnson
20 RJ Podeschi
22 Mike Williams
27 Joe Gant



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:

October 1

- ♥ **World Communion Sunday** offering

October 8

- ♥ Special offering for **T.A.G. Fund** (Teacher's Assistance & Generosity Fund)

October 15

- ♥ Third Sunday Offering for **Dove Financial Assistance**
- ♥ Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastor and D.S. Salary Support**



"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 ...



Celebrating 150 years! October 22

This October, Sharon UMC will celebrate its 150th Anniversary!

In October 1873, a newly erected church building was dedicated and named "Sharon," presumably from the biblical references found in Isaiah 35:2 and 65:10. Sharon was a part of Palestine noted for its beauty.

On **Sunday, October 22,**

we will recall our history and celebrate with a chicken noodle lunch. An anniversary cake will be enjoyed by all. Please plan to join us!

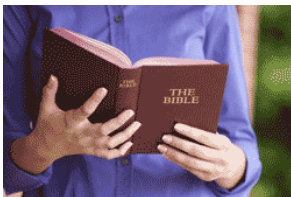


Prayer Chain

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

Young Adults
Mike Landacre

Wesley
Mandi Podeschi

Good News
Martha Leeper

For women:

Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More
by Melissa Spoelstra

- ♥ Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 19-Oct. 31

- ♥ Morning Class: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 21-Nov. 2

For men:

Horizontal Jesus
by Tony Evans

- ♥ Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



CALLING
OTHERS ...



Scouting News

- Troop 91/911 Meetings
Sundays
October 1, 15, 22, 29
3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Joint Committee Mtg.**
October 15, 5:00 p.m.
- Cub Scout Meetings
Mondays
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Saturday, October 14

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donation Drop-off Times:

Oct. 10-12 (Tues.-Thurs.), 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 11-12 (Wed.-Thurs.) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

NO ELECTRONICS, Please!

All sales are by donation. Proceeds will benefit the T.A.G. Fund (Teachers Assistance & Generosity)



Serve the LORD with gladness!

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Ushers	Tom Leeper	Tom Leeper	Tom Leeper	Tom Leeper	Tom Leeper
	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper	Jarred Leeper
	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes	Ben Holmes
Greeters	Janet Hirst & Joni Simms	Jenna Doty & Tori Leeper	Tom & Martha Leeper	Bev Carmean & Rosemary Jones	Mike & Cindy Landacre
Liturgist	Lori Leeper	Debbie Johnson	Joni Simms	Jarred Leeper	Martha Leeper
Nursery	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre
Acolyte	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	8/27/2023	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23
Tithe	\$2,850.00	\$6,405.00	\$3,041.00	\$720.00
Loose Plate	\$62.00	\$140.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
S. School	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$7.75	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$2,921.00	\$6,545.00	\$3,078.75	\$775.00
Weekly Budget Need - \$1,965.00				



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