



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

Sharon

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM WHERE I SIT by Rev. Wally Carlson



What have you achieved today?

I have been told that every day is a chance to think new thoughts, sing new songs, achieve something. I have been told that every sunrise is a chance to start all over with a clean slate, a chance to do better and be better than we were yesterday, I have been told that each moment is a fresh moment, full of opportunity, adventure, danger, and promise.

So I'll ask again, what have you achieved today?

It's frightening, isn't it? To leave the safety of the past and the well-known and enter into the free-wheeling promise of something new. When we do something, achieve something, we invariably introduce change. Even if what we achieved was baking the same old peach pie we have baked so many times before or cut the grass we have cut so many times before, we have still altered time and space by making something new, achieving something old which creates something that never was before.

Kinda hard to wrap our minds around that, isn't it?

That's because, in part, we do it every day and simply don't recognize we have done so. We achieve - all the time. Sometimes something great, sometimes something good. We need to simply open our eyes and recognize that which is around us, that which we have already done or are about to do. All too often we stumble step though our days, oblivious to roses and cinnamon and Mozart. Understandable. As we said, it can be frightening to do all of this on our own. Change after change after change - without a partner. Without a compatriot.

And that's where we're wrong. We are never alone. Never. Through all the beauty and pain, all the joy and sorrow, God is with us. Always. We just have to remember.

What have you achieved today? Everything.

"Be still and know..." Psalm 46

Peace to you, and grace,
Rev. Wally



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May 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	29 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	30 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	1 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	2 National Day of Prayer	3 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class	4 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll 5:30pm Fiesta Night (sponsored by FUN Committee)	5 Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	6 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	7 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	8 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	9	10 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class	11 9:00am Scuba VBS Online Registration opens 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll
12 Mother's Day 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	13 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pack 91 Meeting	14 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	15 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	16 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting	17 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class	18 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll 10:00am Scuba VBS Volunteer Meeting	19 Pentecost 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages 3:30pm - 5:00pm Troop 91/911 Meetings	20 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	21 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	22 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	23	24 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class	25 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll
26 Trinity Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am Worship 10:15am - 11:00am Sunday School for all ages	27 Memorial Day 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	28 10:00am - 2:00pm Sharon Quilters	29 11:00am - 12:00pm Pilates	30 5:00pm Finance Meeting	31 9:30am - 10:15am Sit & Be Fit Chair Class	1 9:00am - 10:00am Walk 'n Roll							



11 Rosemary Jones
15 Lea Carls
19 Mike Albert

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 5

- ♥ Monetary donations for **T.A.G. Fund**

May 12

- ♥ **Golden Cross** Offering

May 19

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

- ♥ Children's Noisy Offering for **Liberia Pastor & D. S. Salary Support**

All month

- ♥ **Scuba VBS Supplies** - Watch for the display in Fellowship Hall, beginning May 5!



"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 ...



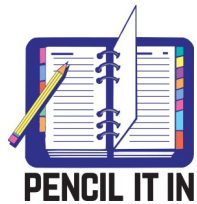
Committee Meetings

Ad Council

Thursday, May 16
6:30 p.m.

Finance

Thursday, May 30
5:00 p.m.



Join us for a FIESTA!

Saturday, May 4
5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be provided: Make-Your-Own tacos or nachos (ground beef or chicken), rice, beans, chips & salsa, and dessert.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 9:00 a.m.

Let's celebrate the birthday of the church!

Please wear **red, orange, or yellow.**



MATURING IN FAITH ...



Nursery

Lisa Landacre

Elementary

Lori Leeper

Jr. High-College

Mike Landacre

Wesley

Mandi Podeschi

Good News

Martha Leeper



Scuba VBS

June 24-28, 9:00-11:30 a.m. daily

Online registration opens **Saturday, May 11.**

Volunteer Meeting - **Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m.**

CALLING
OTHERS ...



Scouting News

- Troop 91/911 Meetings
Sundays
(May 5, 19)
3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Cub Scout Meetings
Mondays
(May 6, 13)
6:00-7:00 p.m.



Serve the LORD with gladness!

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Ushers	Mike Landacre	Mike Landacre	Mike Landacre	Mike Landacre
	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper	Evan Leeper
	Nathan Doty	Nathan Doty	Nathan Doty	Nathan Doty
Greeters	Jenna Doty & Tori Leeper	Pat Dunn & Rosemary Jones	Nancy Carlyle & Mary Ferguson	Jarred & Lori Leeper
Liturgist	Debbie Johnson	Martha Leeper	Ben Holmes	Evan Leeper
Nursery	Jenna Doty	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre	Cindy Landacre
Acolyte	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper	Joshua Leeper

Our Tithes and Offerings to God				
	3/31/2024	4/7/24	4/14/24	4/21/24
Tithe	\$2,840.25	\$4,070.00	\$3,100.00	\$750.00
Loose Plate	\$161.25	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
S. School	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$15.00	\$11.00
TOTAL	\$3,001.50	\$4,111.00	\$3,165.00	\$811.00
Weekly Budget Need - \$2,211.00				



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