



January 2022

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Kids Choir 3:30 P.M. Prairie Village 11:00	6 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	7	8
9 Kid's Choir Sings Ad Min Co Mtg Basket Dinner	10	11	12 <u>UMW 1:15 P.M.</u> Kids Choir 3:30 P.M. Prairie Village 11:00	13 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	14	15
16	17	18	19 Kid's Choir 3:30 P.M. Prairie Village 11:00	20 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	21	22
23	24 Conservation Annual Mtg. 6:00 P.M. Set Up Appox 3:00	25	26 Kid's Choir 3:30 P.M. Prairie Village 11:00	27 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	28	29
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Thank you to all the children and their families for all their hard work. The choir is led by Lois Pearce, Beverly Elder, Jayne Humphrey Pearce and Emily Bolen. It was a blessing to all that attended!

Pastor's Page

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Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (12) Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (13) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Happy New Year! I felt the above scripture reading said what we need to hear about the coming year of 2022. We cannot know what God has planned for us this year. From my perspective the last 2 years have been a struggle for many. God knows how hard it has been to deal with all the stress and pain. Now with a lot of faith and prayer we can start 2022 in joy and determination.

As we enter the New Year we should start planning how to make this a better year than the last 2. Let's all band together to produce energy and excitement for God.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Galen

Hope

Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. It gets its name from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the coming of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus—a truth that justifies his perfection as the model of real life.

The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity, which are all characteristics of the Epiphany emphasis.

What awaits us? We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day.

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2022? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell



The Sharon Springs United Methodist Women have been very busy during the holiday season. On December 1st several women met to pack boxes to send to college students preparing for finals. These students are children and grandchildren of our congregation.

On December 8th was the annual preparing and delivering of cookie and fruit plates. Several women helped assemble the plates that were delivered to the elderly people and shut-ins of our church and our community.

Thank you for your donation and great job ladies!

SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY

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