




# July 2020

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church  
 Pastor Galen Crippen (785) 852-4734  
 520 W. 6th. Ave., P.O. Box 339  
 Sharon Springs, Kansas 67758

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 (In House Only) Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00	2	3	
5	6	7	8 (In House Only) Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 (In House Only) Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00	16	17	18 Bridal Shower Miranda Mai & Dalton Boggs
19	20	21	22 (In House Only) Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00	23	24	25
26	27 4-H Judging & Style revue (All Day)	28	29 (In House Only) Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00	30 Wallace Co Fair	31 Wallace Co Fair	Aug 1 Wallace Co Fair

## “America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful”. Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



### SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR JULY

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Debbie Benisch, Chairman

Marsha Johnson

Peggy Hennick

Patsy Short

Rita Kirkham

Tammy Robben

Kay Klinge

## GIFTS WELL USED

---

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith: if it is service, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently, if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8.

What is your spiritual gift? The list you just read is just the beginning; for instance, you might have gifts of encouragement, hospitality and administration. Whatever your giftedness, life becomes richer as you invest in others by coming alongside and serving them.

Life becomes more exciting when you start to see how your giftedness and calling fit perfectly within the Lord's strategy for reaching the lost, telling the gospel, and sharing His love. When you use your gifts, you are playing your role in God's plan to impact the world around us.

When you have identified and readied your gifts, ask God to guide you and use yours wherever He needs you. He will empower you (1 Corinthians 12:11)

Taken from UNSHAKEABLE Devotions for finding unwavering strength in God's Word by Christine Caine.



## Pastor's Page

July 2020

In a year like no other Sheryl and I are trying to decide what if any kind of vacation to take. It seems like every place we wish to go is having a resurgence in Covid-19. This year may just be staycations.

Now that we are back in God's house each week we plan to begin youth Sunday School in August and adult SS by the end of July. Please stay tuned.

As the coming harvest is almost upon us, I pray that you have a great harvest and stay safe!

Now that the year of 2020 is half over let's look back in review: How many times per month have you been to church, in person or online, how many church newsletters have you read, how many times per week have you read the Bible. I know it's hard to spend too much time in review since most of us are busy with the present and looking forward, but it is vital to keep track of where you have been to make sure you haven't taken the wrong turn.

***"Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe." Saint Augustine***

***God's Love,  
Pastor Galen***







# VBS IN A BOX



## A BIG THANK YOU!!

To all the faithful  
volunteers from  
the church for all  
the work that you  
do.



Mike Pipkin, Vernon and Trever Fischer Repairing the fence at the  
Parsonage!