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Invite your friends to worship.
 We now have "invite cards" with the church's information on them, so that you can invite others to join us for worship.
 Thanks to Amy Moore for heading up this project!

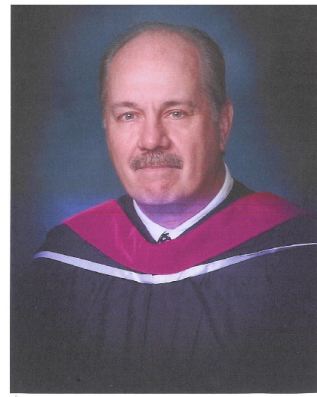
Office Hours
 Pastor Kevin: Mon-Thurs 9am to noon
 Office Manager: Mon-Thurs 11am to 2pm
 the office is closed on Fridays

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
 Giving is not about the receiver or the gift, it is all about the giver.
 Have you remembered the church in your will?

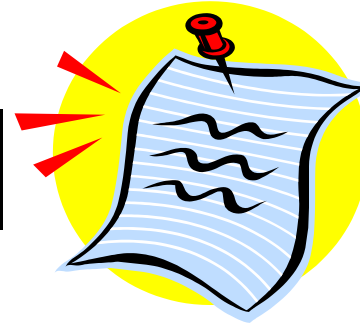
Treasurer's Report
 Income for August Operating Budget: \$12,118.47
 Expenses for August Operating Budget: \$8,318.89
 August surplus: \$3799.58
 (without paying apportionments)

Church Council Minutes
 Did you know that the church council minutes can be found on our website? outside the church office? and right next to the newsletters in the hallway?
 next Council Meeting: Sunday, October12 @ 11:30am





**A message from
Pastor Kevin**



God certainly has a sense of humor. As you may have heard, I had to take confirmation in 1967 in the Evangelical United Brethren church at the tender age of **10!** For me that was rough and then if that was not enough, the church merged with the Methodist church and so...I had to take confirmation again in the new United Methodist Church in 1968. 😞

Today Methodist churches have figured it out to some degree when it comes to teaching our youth in Catechetics. We are currently using the Credo curriculum that explains a lot of what it means to be a Christian as well as a Methodist. Catechetic is the branch of theology that deals with the instruction given to Christians as part of confirmation usually taught to eighth-graders in the United Methodist Church. The best thing for confirmands is there are no more 10 year olds in confirmation class. Sadly, it was just too late for me; or maybe I was born just too early...whatever.

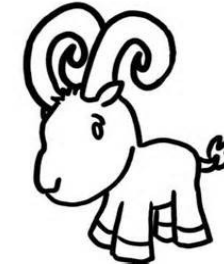
How great would it be if adults took Catechetics too? I am doing this in the new member class to some degree. Someone in another class saw some notes meant for the new member class, on the white board in the Sharon Room, and mentioned they would like to know more. This got me thinking. Bible study in small groups is fine and I want to encourage that, but for instance, how many adults know what the sacraments are in the United Methodist church? Do they know how much symbolism plays a part in each one? It is in this vein of understanding of what our beliefs are, that sheds light on why we need to involve catechesis in our churches. The Sharon UMC is no different in this regard, but it goes deeper too. When catechesis is taught, the congregation begins to look through a different lens of understanding- the lens of the revelation of Christ, of eschatology, and of doctrine.

This is important on many levels, beginning with those who may not know Christ. Members of Sharon are spread out in our community far and wide; with the ability to influence many who are un-churched, so it is reasonable to expect the congregant should be equipped to share the story, which is what catechesis does. So why not create a program with built-in components for membership (which I am doing with the new member class), or leadership. What are the obligations as new members or that of leaders of the church including the chairs of each committee? These questions must be explored and what better way than through a process for each area to shed light on what God expects. Let me know what you think...

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kevin

Sharon Religious Arts Ministries (RAM)

Sharon's Religious Arts Ministries have a smorgasbord of arts ministries for you in October. Let's look ahead at the menu.



On Sunday, October 5th, the Chancel Choir sings an arrangement of an old time favorite, "In the Garden". On October 12th, the Tone Chime Ensemble returns with "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". On October 19th, the Chancel Choir wings a beautiful arrangement of "He Leadeth Me". On October 26th, our Puppet Troupe returns to give us an important lesson.

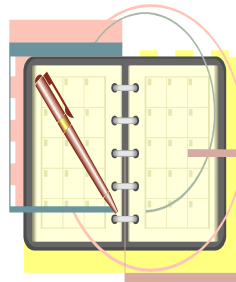
Looking ahead to a very busy November, the Chancel Choir will be back on the first Sunday of November, bringing a little excitement with a gospel number called "I'm Gonna Tell The Gospel Story".

We sure hope to see you every Sunday in October. God bless.....

John and Karen Wagner, Religious Arts Ministry Directors



Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night, November 1st !!!



Notes from the Office Manager

- Please keep the office up to date on changes to your address, email and phone numbers.
- **The scheduling of the use of Fellowship Hall, the Sharon Room, or the sanctuary, needs to be done through the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts.**
- Articles for the **bulletin** need to be submitted by **Wednesday morning** and articles for the **newsletter**, especially group activities, need to be submitted by the **20th of the month**.
- Committee chairpersons and leaders of groups - please check the mail boxes outside the church office once a week for important information.
- If you have an article for the bulletin board, please put it in the office.
- Thank you!!!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

October 5: World Communion Sunday

October 12: Laity Sunday - begin collecting for Shoebox Ministry

October 19:

October 26: Reformation Sunday



October Scriptures from the Lectionary

October 5: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Phil.3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

October 12: Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Phil.4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14;

October 19: Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thess. 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22;

October 26: Deut. 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1Thess.2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46



In our prayers this past month:

Jan McMann; Sue Usher's cousin John and his wife Jody;
Earl Reeve; Arlene Gessaman; Kris Stevens; Shirley Zimmerman;
Rick Zimmerman; Laura Ruble's sister; Kathy Patterson's sister-in-
-law; job seekers; Michael Eden; Sally Eichhorn; Peg & Lyle
Watts' newborn grandson; Sue Novak's great-great nephew;
Marilyn Clements; Nancy Nelson's daughter, Amy.

for Jamie Achey, Amanda Frank and their families in the loss of
their maternal grandmother



Just a reminder: if you are admitted to the hospital, the hospital does
not notify the church. You or a family member need to call the church
(364-3688) with this information. Thank you.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



Recent projects:

The last Sunday of each month is "Distribution Sunday" - remaining food from our food pantry, is delivered to Mission of Hope.

Back to school supplies were distributed to families in our church and in the community.

Ongoing projects:

Sharon Food Pantry for members and constituents: The church has shelves stocked with food items in the back hallway near the Sunday School rooms. If you are struggling financially, please use this resource.

October projects:

Samaritan's Purse - collection dates: October 12 - November 2

This is a shoebox ministry

What to pack or bring for your shoebox gift: small toys; small stuffed animals and dolls; deflated sports balls with pump; pencils; pens; crayons; notebooks; coloring books; toothbrushes; bar soap; washcloths; combs; socks; hats; t-shirts; hair bands, sunglasses, stickers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant.

Do **not** include: used or damaged items; food; out-of-date hard candy; liquids; aerosol cans or breakable items.

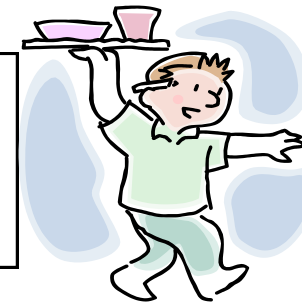
It costs \$7 a box to ship, so if you can't shop for items, you can also make a monetary donation.

Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves - collection dates: November 2 - December 7

Green Square Meals

Don't forget to sign up to help serve at the Green Square Meal site.

Sharon Church helps on the 1st/5th Thursday of every month.



Upcoming Emmaus Walks

men's walk: October 16 -19 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

women's walk: Nov. 6 -9 @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

contact Pastor Kevin for more information





Dear Congregation,
All of us at The Five Seasons Stand Down team greatly appreciate your generous \$200.00 contribution to our organization. Your partnership is important to us, and to the numerous homeless and nearly-homeless Veterans and non-Veterans within our community. Once again, thank you for helping us reach our goal to provide a meaningful event for our participants in 2014.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Anderson, Director Fundraising
Five Seasons Stand Down

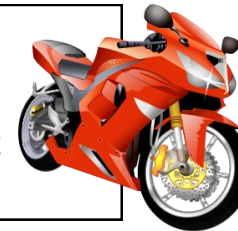


A Celebration

Join us for cookies in the Sharon Room on Sunday, October 5th and help Marie Kendall celebrate her birthday!!!!

2nd Annual WAYPOINT Gentleman Ride - October 11

This is a motorcycle ride to raise money to help Waypoint and end Domestic Abuse. There is a flier on the bulletin board. You can ride, donate, purchase T-shirts or attend the after-ride party at Scooters on Hwy 151 for music, food, silent auction and raffle. More information is available at: www.waypointservices.org



Two New Opportunities at Sharon



what: **Girlfriends and Coffee** - a group of ladies who get together to share their faith and fellowship among others with a common bond of our awesome Lord!

where: **Perkins SW**

when: **every Saturday starting October 4th @ 8:30am**

We look forward to you joining us and hearing your faith story. Mark your calendars..we would LOVE to see you..... girlfriends....where life meets family! Come when you can...stay as long as you can.... and invite your other girlfriends in Christ!

Nine to Dine

If you've been in worship during September, you've already heard about this new opportunity. Groups of nine get together once a month for a meal - for a time of fellowship and getting to know one another.

(Names in each group will be drawn out of a hat by the pastor).

A potluck meal in Fellowship Hall will kickoff these groups on **Saturday, October 18th at 5pm.**

If you haven't signed up yet, you have until October 12th to do so.

Come and learn more about your friends at Sharon UMC.



**SMALL GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES**

Chat 'n Chew

Meets Monday, October 13th
8:30am
Tommy's Restaurant
anyone is invited to come

Sarah Circle:

October 16th @ 6:30pm
Hostess: Joyce Lins
609 Hillview Drive Fairfax
Devotion: Gloria Jahnel
Lesson: Karen McNeal
any lady of the church is welcome

Mini-Youth

for grades 3-6
October 19th @ 11am

Sunday School for all ages:

9am

Youth Group

grades 7-12
under construction

Women's Bible Study

Meets every Monday
@ 9:30am
in the kitchen

FIC - Friends in Christ

Ages 50 and beyond.
October 12 @ 11:30am
bring a potluck dish you've
never prepared

InBetweeners

Ages college to 50
October 26 @ 11:30am
Halloween Mystery Lunch
daycare will be provided

Knit Wits

Wednesday, October 15th
11:30am
@ Pizza Ranch SW
Everyone is welcome

Prayer Shawl Ministry

meets every Thursday @ 1:30pm
in the Sharon Room

Girlfriends & Coffee @ SW Perkins

Every Saturday @ 8:30am starting
October 4th.

This is a group of ladies who get together each
Saturday to share their faith and fellowship.

Pastor's Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday
@ 7:00pm
in the Sharon Room



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October Helpers						
Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Hymn Leader	Sound System	Laptop	Cleaning Crew
5	Paul Newman Harry Odeen Toni Overton	Gloria Jahnel	John Wagner	Steve Flockhart	Cecil Ellison	Chyma/Evenson Pasker
12	John Powers Karen Reid Doris Flynn	Toni Overton	Kathleen Weiss	Duane Usher	David Hornocker	Tomash
19	Willa Rinehart Jason Clements Sonya Clements	John Wagner	Zach Wagner	Dale Usher	Doris Leonard	Duane Usher
26	Nancy Ellison Tami Flockhart Jan Kuda	Marcy Usher	Tim Ruppert	Bill Jahnel	Jan McMann	Jahnel/Newman