

Sherman United Methodist Church
presents

The Talent Show

Live from New York

Sunday,
March 27th
doors open at 6pm
dinner and show at 6:30pm

Along with our great show you can expect
a great New York inspired
Italian Dinner
This will be a meal you can't refuse.

Adult Tickets: \$12
Child Tickets: \$6
(ages 4-10yrs)
Tickets are available with
the church office or any
SUMC Youth member.
Tickets at the door will be an additional \$4

This is a fundraiser for the SUMC Youth Group's
Summer Mission Trip to Lyons, NY.

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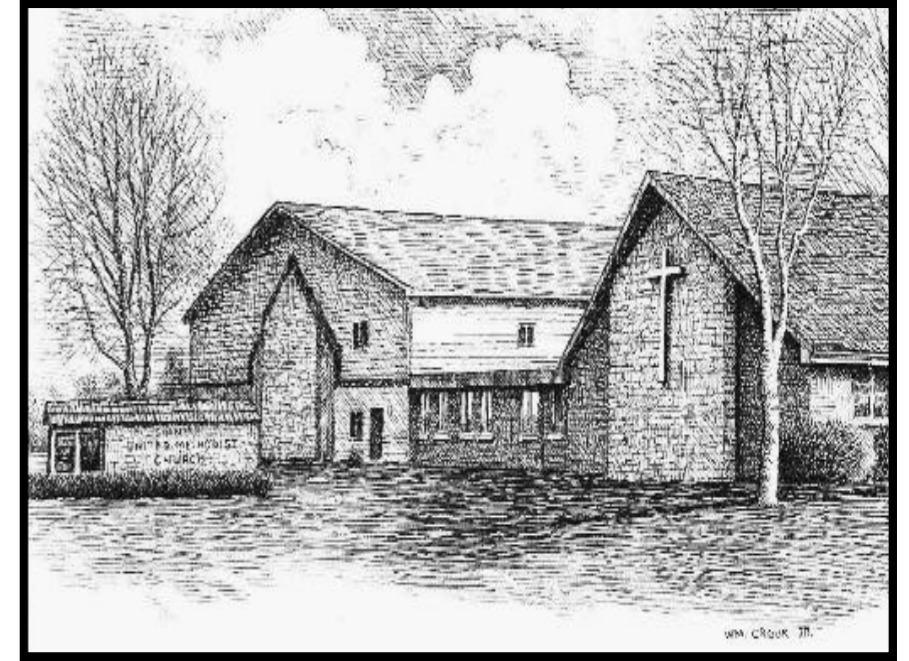
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From the Pastor

“Learning to Ride a Bicycle”

Once I watched a young boy learning to ride a bike with training wheels in front of our house. He wore a nice plastic helmet. His Dad followed along watching out for traffic.

I was thinking that in a few years this boy will graduate to a bigger bike without training wheels. Then he will have to learn to keep his balance on his own and peddle at the same time. It won't be easy. He will have a few falls to be sure. I remember some of my scrapes and bruises. Learning to ride a bike takes time, practice and persistence.

Keeping your balance is even more important in life. Everyone falls down at some point. Sometimes it's our own fault. Sometimes other forces push us down. Either way it hurts. We cry. We wonder why things happen the way they do. It isn't easy to get back up on the seat and ride again.

All this makes me think of Lance Armstrong who recently announced his retirement from competitive cycling. He became famous for winning the Tour de France 7 consecutive times with the last trophy in 2005. But before he won any Tour de France Armstrong was diagnosed with cancer in 1996 at the age of 25. After surgery and intensive chemotherapy he made a miraculous recovery.

He returned to racing in 1997 and won the Tour de France 1999 through 2005. Along the way he started the Lance Armstrong Foundation which is committed to enhancing “the quality of life for those living with, through and beyond cancer.”

Lance Armstrong is a cancer survivor and an inspiration, a winner not only on a bicycle, but in the race of life. But the story of his foundation reminds me of another foundation which also carries the name of its founder, the church of Jesus Christ.

This foundation too was born to enhance the quality of life for all who struggle to keep their balance in an uncertain world. It provides services with a large dose of hope so that we can fulfill the potentials for which we were created. Through the ages the hope of Christ has saved multitudes from giving up.

Christian faith is a lot like learning to ride a bike. It can't be reduced to what we read in a book, to a creed or doctrine. Faith is built into the way and the spirit by which we live. Paul Tillich defined Christian faith very simply as “the courage to be.” The courage to say “yes” to life despite all the negatives.

True faith is having the courage to keep getting back up and trying again no matter how many times you are knocked down. Faith believes that God has a purpose for life that is worth all the effort we put into it even if sometimes we fail, even if we suffer and die for it.

We remember the roots of this faith each year during the season of Lent which comprises the 40 days before Easter not counting Sundays. In this time we recall the journey of Jesus to the cross, how he was ridiculed, betrayed, beaten and then hung up to die. Yet, on the third day afterwards, he was raised to live again.

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9. We will have a special Ash Wednesday service that evening. The mark of ashes will be offered to everyone who wants to receive and also communion. I invite you to make this a time of learning and growing with Jesus. Make this a time of renewing your faith, a time to make a new beginning, to plow under old hurts and plant new seeds of life in the walk of your faith.

Sometimes those who demonstrate the kind of faith we learn in Christ become world famous like Lance Armstrong. More often their names are known only to a few. But whether famous or not, it is marvelous and wonderful altogether to see what God can do through faith when we keep getting back up and peddling for the sake of God's Kingdom and the life that never ends.

See you in church!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mike

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received on April 3rd. Each year this offering provides emergency supplies and the support to deliver them to victims of disaster throughout the world. Clean water, medicines, medical care, food, temporary shelters and much more are delivered within hours of an emergency thanks to One Great Hour.

Through our generosity we make a huge difference to help others in the name of Jesus.

WHAT: SPECIAL MEETING OF AD COUNCIL AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 6. LUNCH PROVIDED @ NOON. MEETING BEGINS @ 12:30

AGENDA: RECEIVE BUILDING PLAN REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser for SUMC Youth Mission Trip to Lyons, NY

\$10 Per Person
Up to 8 people per table
Includes prizes and silent auction
Concessions will be available

7pm Friday, April 29th
@ Sherman United Methodist Church

To reserve your table today call the church office at 217-496-2338

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Thanks to all who have donated cards for the card ministry. Currently I am seeking someone to send cards for the month of March. If you agree to participate, you will be provided with cards and names/addresses of those with March birthdays and anniversaries.

Currently the Congregational Care team is taking meals to the Jim Melton family on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week. We are also taking meals to Connie Cleary at Velma Kelly's House on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week. We would welcome anyone who would like to serve in this capacity.

The congregational care team has not met for 2011 yet, but we are looking for individuals interested in "taking care of God's flock". If you have a burning desire to care for others, an idea for helping others at SUMC, or see a need for a particular group at SUMC, we want you to join our team or at least come to one meeting and share your ideas! Please watch the bulletin for an update to the next (and first) meeting of the congregational care team.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities to serve at SUMC, please contact Carmen Arnberger at 496-2338 ext. 8 (between 2-6pm), cell phone at 971-0200, or email at carmen@sumckidsplace.com



THANK YOU!! Mom and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dear church family for all the endless prayers (we feel them!!), food, cards, visits, and calls. Especially our thanks go out to Pastor Mike for his visits and calls, which meant a great deal to us. God's many blessings to you all and we hope to see you in church soon.
Our love, Connie & Velma

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for all your expressions of support – your prayers, flowers, cards, emails, texts, visits and words of comfort given to our family on the loss of our mother, Dorothy. We are blessed to be part of a very caring Church family. Again, thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Jay and Karen Pennell & Family

Pastors Mike and Jean Pennell & Family

John and Julie Pennell & Family

SPRING CHICKEN DINNER—SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 4-7 PM

I privileged to serve once again as the General Chairperson for this Spring's Chicken Dinner. As efforts begin this month to prepare, please remember that proceeds from this ministry provides support for many other Christian projects including our Youth and Kumler Outreach. Please give of your time (and baking skill!) to make our dinner a success. Remember that *greatness in God's sight is measured in humble service to others!*

Contact me with questions or to let me know in which area you'd like to work (kitchen, dining room, cashier, etc.) Thank you! Deb Forren (cell) 899-2114



Sherman United Methodist Church Presents...

Famous Fried Chicken Dinner

Saturday, April 9, 2011

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$8.00 Children (under 12) \$4.00

MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Drink & Dessert

Location: 2336 East Andrew Rd in Sherman
Proceeds: Kumler Ministry and Other Missions

Worship: Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am
Sunday school: 9:30 am



Camp Sonshine News

It may still be cold outside, but summer is in the works!! We are planning for Camp Sonshine 2011!! This year's Camp Sonshine will run from Tuesday, June 7th- Friday, August 12th (as long as we don't have any more snow days!!)

The Low Beam theme this summer will be "Your Mission is Love...if You Choose to Accept it!" We will learn how much God loves us and will share His love with our world! Each week the children will perform a small mission project that correlates with the week's theme.

The High Beam theme this summer is "Wise Guys". We will learn about God's wisest guys in the Bible and apply their words of wisdom to our everyday lives. Each week we will go on a mini mission trip to Asbury UMC's Children's Supper Hour where we will provide their meal and share what we have learned about the "Wise Guy" of the week.

And, of course, there will be clubs, field trips, games, snacks, and activities galore!! There is never a dull moment at Camp Sonshine!!

Registration is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, April 12th. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with registration for current Kids' Place families. At 6:30 p.m., we will welcome back our previous Camp Sonshine families and our waitlisted families to come for registration. Finally, at 7:00 p.m., we will open registration up to the general public. All registration forms will be available on-line, or you can pick up a packet on registration night. We will also have packets available at Kids' Place beginning March 1st.

We can't wait to spend our summer with you!!

**Heather Kadyk
& Camp Sonshine Staff**



Kid's Place News

KIDS PLACE SUNDAY IS COMING MARCH 20th SUMC is giving Kids Place the opportunity to share their ministry with SUMC. Children from Kids Place and their families will be invited to attend the service of their choice. The kids will be presenting a short program consisting of reciting the 23rd Psalm, songs with Danny Motta, and a special video presentation on the 23rd Psalm. There will also a short presentation on the history of Kids Place, contributions of Kids Place to SUMC, and a recognition of Kids Place Staff. Between services there will be a pancake breakfast provided for the congregation and Kids Place families to enjoy. There will be no cost for the breakfast (a good will offering will be available) and there will be no Sunday School during this morning so that all can enjoy and meet the Kids Place families. We hope to see you all there at the early or late services!

Carmen Arnberger, KP Director

SUMC Mission Ministry Team

Kumler Outreach Ministries is thrilled with our participation in Pantry Partners and the wide variety of soups we have collected. We will continue to supply 360 cans of soup each month as well as other food and baby items of your choice. Together we are proving that when God's people work together for a common goal, mountains can be moved. The mountain of food we've collected will go toward breaking down the mountain of hunger that can be a major hurdle for our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you for all of your donations!

February 19th collections for **ER Abroad** totaled \$1,078. Randy Burge was very humbled by your generosity in support of this special ministry and offers a heart-felt thank you! Watch next month's Celebrant for a synopsis of his trip and how God used these special servants in Guatemala.

We are looking for 10 or more teens and adults that would like to organize a mission outing in the Springfield area. **Mission in Motion** is easy. Invite God and the Holy Spirit to co-chair your project and provide all of the necessities. Select an organization from the list, recruit volunteers, determine a day and time for your mission trip, arrange the logistics and continually seek God's guidance. When you're done report back to the Mission Team so we can celebrate with you and join you in praising God.

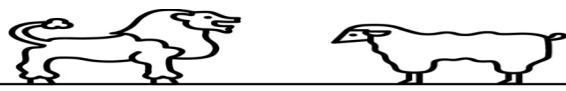
If you're not involved on another committee at SUMC and you can sacrifice 2 hours a month, we would love to have you join the SUMC Mission Ministry Team. Contact Polly Wise (622-1363) or Pastor Mike. Our next meeting is March 2 at 7:00 pm.



Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet



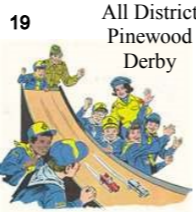

“ FROM THE KITCHEN ”
The women are planning our
Mother-Daughter-Friend
Banquet.

We will be asking for help from
the men & youth guys!
The pay is good ! A free
MEAL !!
Watch for future updates!



MARCH

Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am</p> <p>Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00-8:00pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts Bears 1st & 2nd Sun. 1-2 pm</p> <p>Sunday Scouts: Cub Scouts Bears 1st & 2nd Sun. 1-2 pm</p>	<p>Monday—Friday: Preschool: 8:30-11 pm Kids Place: 2-6 pm</p> <p>Monday Scouts: (Weekly) Boy Scout Troop 330 7pm GS Troop 6381 7pm Cub Scouts Webelos Den 7 6:30-7:30 (every other Mon.) Cub Scouts Den 2 Wolves 2nd & 4th 6-7:30</p>	<p>Zumba-Gym 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Girls' V-Ball 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Scouts Brownies Troop 6465 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tues. Brownies Troop 6354 2nd & 4th Tues. 6-7pm Wolf Scouts #5 Pack 330 1st & 3rd Tues. 6-7pm</p>	<p>Methodist Men's-Rt.66 7:00am</p> <p>Prayer Group 9:00am</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 6:00pm—Rm 204</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Crusaders 7:00-8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday Scouts GS Troop 6655 2nd & 4th Wed. 2-5:30pm Cub Scouts Den 3 Webelos (weekly) 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>Praise Band Practice 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Zumba-Gym 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Men's Basketball 8:00pm-10:00pm</p> <p>Thursday Scouts Den Leader Mtg. 3rd Thurs. 7pm Pack 330 Mtg. 3rd Thurs. 7pm</p>	 <p>Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receiver power and ... honor and glory and praise! Revelation 5:12, NIV</p>	
		1	2	3	4	5
			<p>Mission Team Mtg. 7:00 pm</p> <p>Finance Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm</p> <p>Trustees Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>		
6 Noon— Building/ Ad Council Potluck 12:30 Special meeting Following	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p>UMW Mtg. 6:00 PM</p>		<p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Service of Ashes 7:00 p.m.</p>			<p>Williamsville FFA Prime Rib Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm</p>
13 1st Lent Delight Savings Time Regins 1st Youth Mission Trip Prep Mtg.—noon	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<p>Congregational Care Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Ad Council Mtg. 7:30 pm</p>	 <p>St. Patrick's Day 17 March 2010</p>		 <p>All District Pinewood Derby</p>
20 2nd Lent KIDS' PLACE SUNDAY FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 3rd Lent Talent Show 6:00 PM	28	29	30	31		
			 <p>Senior Luncheon at SUMC NOON</p>			

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Danny Hinds	*Gary & Jeryn Meister	Taylor Flatt Diane Shulte David Pennell Brad Deters	Randy Burge	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Lori Beemer Stacy Mumaw Ashton Hidlebaugh	Dave Neale	Sherral Clark	Thelma Arnold	Linda Burgener Matthew Watson	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Amy Glasscock Julie Butler	Joy Franks	Carol Poe	Kristin Willis	Naomi Roberts		Janet Plohr
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Jim Byron	Alice Henrikson		Erin Fishel Ross Taft Mike Copelin Matt Fuiten	Steve Leonard Sarah Hayward	Raymond Poe Wanda Marth Tim Fox Helen Hussey
27	28	29	31	31		
		Marsha Branson	Lance Poe	*Dave & Lora Neale		