

Sherman United Methodist Church

FALL Chicken Dinner

2336 EAST ANDREW RD
SHERMAN, IL
(217) 496-2338, ext. 5

SATURDAY
October 15, 2011
4-7 pm



Menu

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

Adults \$8:00
Children \$4.00 (under 12)

*Proceeds are donated to
Kumler Ministries and
other missions.*



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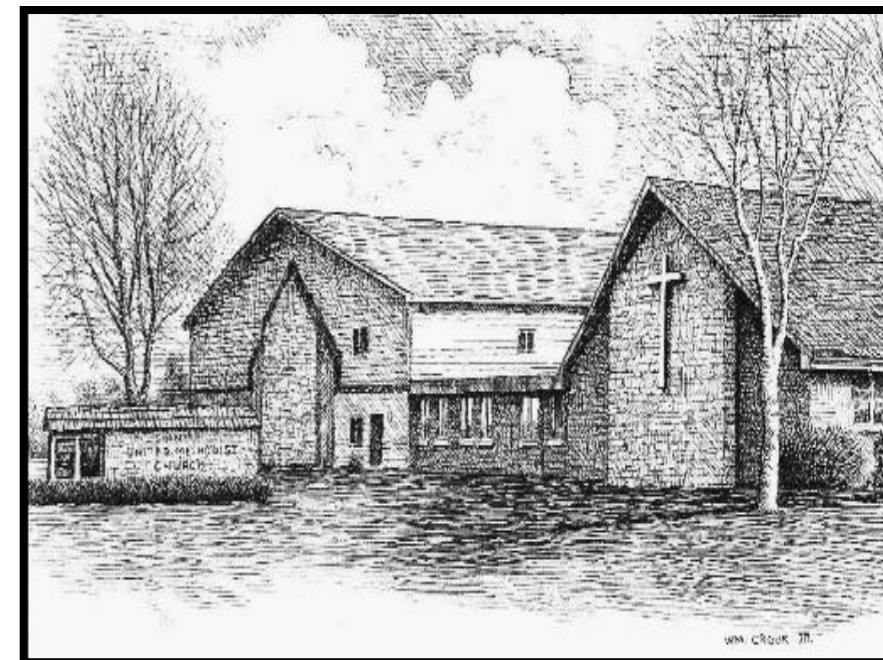
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From the Pastor

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UPDATE ON FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The repair of the Family Life Center is now almost complete. New plywood was installed to replace the rotted and moldy areas from the water leakage. Three sides of the FLC were re-sided with new vinyl and the north face of the church sided with brick. The brick makes the new addition blend in with the original church structure on Andrew Road.

A special line of credit to pay for this work in the short term was approved by the Administrative Council. Special gifts are now needed to pay off the line of credit. This is 'second mile' giving which means above and beyond one's current giving to the General Fund from which the daily operational expenses of the church are paid. Switching one's giving from the General Fund to the FLC repairs will leave the church short of needed funds to cover normal operations.

The Administrative Council and Trustees thank you for all that you are able to sacrifice to help restore the structural integrity of the Family Life Center. Over the years the FLC has become a major tool of the Sherman UMC Mission to the community – weekday ministries, scouting programs, chicken suppers for missions, polling station as well as Easter services, talent show, and numerous anniversary, birthday and family banquets within the church.

The total cost of repair to the church after the insurance payment of \$16,400 is deducted is expected to be under \$42,000. Please make checks to the Sherman UMC and mark on the memo line: FLC Repairs.

NEW DIRECTOR – SHERMAN UMC PRESCHOOL

Recently Mrs. Heather Hofferkamp submitted her resignation as the Director of the Sherman UMC Preschool in order to take a full time position with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. We extend best wishes to Heather in her new employment and thank her for all that she has done to maintain the SUMC Preschool as a first-class educational program preparing children ages 3-5 for elementary school.

On the recommendation of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Administrative Council approved the selection of Mrs. Kim Fuiten as the new Preschool Director. Kim is currently a teacher in the Preschool and possesses the appropriate educational qualifications to assume the position of Director. We welcome Kim to this position. She will continue to be a teacher along with new teachers on staff this year, Carmen Arnberger, Devan Pfeiffer and Donna Powell. The Sherman UMC is blessed to have an exceptionally qualified staff devoted to the moral and educational development of children.

SEARCH FOR NEW NURSERY CHILD CARE POSITION

Mrs. Katie Luckey who has been the Nursery Child Care attendant for several years on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings recently resigned. Katie and her new husband have moved to Peoria. The Church is now currently seeking applicants for this position. We thank Katie for her faithful service at SUMC and extend our best wishes to her and husband as they settle into their new home.

PART TIME NURSERY CHILD CARE POSITION OPEN –

Applicants should submit (email or postal mail) a resume with 3 references and be a minimum 21 years of age. Email (shermanumc.com) or phone (496-2338) for copy of Job Description. The position requires 4 ½ hours on Sunday mornings during worship services and Sunday School and Wednesday evenings, approximately 1 ½ - 3 ½ hours during choir practice and evening classes. Additional hours are possible during Chicken Suppers, special worship services and other occasions.

CAMP SONSHINE – Heather Kadyk, Director of Camp Sonshine reports that 80-85 children were registered for Camp this summer for on site programs and several field trips. Thanks to Heather and all the Camp Sonshine Staff!!

KIDS PLACE OFF TO NEW START – Carmen Arnberger, Director of Kids Place reports that there are over a 110 children registered in the Kids Place after school program this fall. They are not all here at the same time, but spread out through the week. Best wishes and God's blessing to Carmen and all the Kids Place Staff as they nurture young children from the community with the love of Christ.

GLEANINGS FROM THE SUMMER

"A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man would have to seek him first in order to find her." (Poster in Ohio Church Classroom)

"You can feel the mist and hear the roar long before you actually see the falls." (R. Snow on visiting Niagara Falls)

"Born to fish. Forced to work." (Bumper sticker)

"Obsessing about not having something perfect is a recipe for doing nothing."

"One of the most important things in life is 'SHOWING UP.' When we show up for worship, for meetings, to witness, to volunteer – we are changing the world." - Bishop Palmer, Episcopal Address at Annual Conference, June 2011

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Mike



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IT STARTS WITH you

The past two years have been hard and many are hurting. But we have the answer. This is the time and place for believers to join together and lead America out of this economic mess.

We are offering a Financial Peace University class that will show you God's way of handling money. Join us for The Great Recovery. It starts with faith. It starts with action. It starts with you.

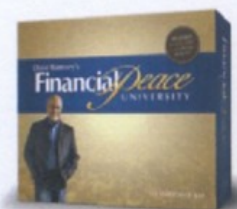
Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

More Info:

Free Preview Class September 11 4pm SUMC

Contact Jill Manley for more info: jmanley37@yahoo.com

Bring your spouse, a friend... Change Your Family Tree!



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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST MEN
HAVE PECANS FOR SALE**

*Fancy Halves - \$8.00

Pecan Carmel Clusters You'll love them!

*Also Dark Chocolate - Chocolate Covered - Cinnamon Glazed - Glazed



Contact: Cary Franks or Illa Byron for orders

For Orders Contact:

Cary Franks @ 496-2697 or Illa Byron at 496-2210



**SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN HAVE WATKINS
PRODUCTS AND COOK BOOKS WITH RECIPES
BY THE SUMC WOMEN**

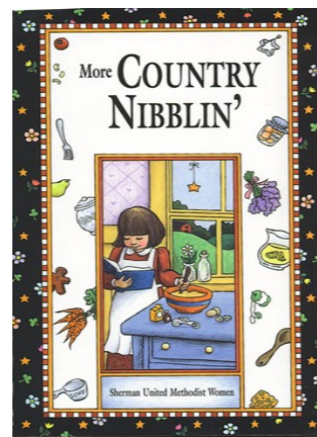
WATKINS PRODUCTS



16 oz Vanilla	\$15.00
2 oz Double Strength Vanilla	\$ 6.00
Pepper	\$ 7.50
Cinnamon	\$ 7.00
Lemon Extract	\$ 5.00
Almond Extract	\$ 5.00
Chicken Soup & Gravy Base	\$10.00
Beef Soup & Grave Base	\$10.00
Bacon & Onion Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Blazin' Cajon Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Cucumber & Dill Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Bacon & Cheddar Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Garlic & Dill Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Tomato & Horseradish Snack & Dip	\$ 9.00
Menthol Camphor salve	\$ 10.00
Petro-Carbo 1st aid salve	\$ 13.00

COOKBOOKS

With recipes
by the SUMC
Women



Contact any SUMW member
OR
the church office
217-496-2338

2,520

2,520 – the number of cans of soup that have been donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries so far this year. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you! When you bow to give God thanks at your next meal, pray also for those that depend on the soup and other items we give each month. Give thanks also for those that work tirelessly at the food banks, children's centers, homeless shelters and Breadline. They are truly God's servants.

Maybe you've seen one of the specials on ABC recently about America's Hungry. To get a closer perspective, I called Sharon at Kumler Outreach Ministries. During May, June and July, Kumler saw an increase of people coming into the food pantry each month, and it isn't slowing down. Food was handed out for 154 people on Wednesday, August 24. The evening pantry has seen an increase of 60 to 90 of the working poor coming in for help. Sharon said, "Your soup is a life saver! It is a big help to the pantry because it is something we don't have to go out and buy." Kumler is hoping to have enough soup until we come in again on the first Monday of the month. Cream soups are packaged with noodles, rice or Tuna Helper. A variety of soups gives Kumler options. Your donations are serving the hungry just down the road! If you haven't yet helped in this ministry, please consider it.

We take donations and purchase soup, or you can bring in soup. 360 cans each month from us serves Kumler's need for 1 week. I knew that, but I didn't know that. Kumler runs out of soup for the hungry if we don't provide it. That's sad.

Last week's Bible study lesson was on Ruth and Naomi, titled 'Empowering the Needy'. 'The purpose was to encourage generosity to those in need. The key verse: *May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!* Ruth 2:12 The lesson asked us to recognize those who currently live in similar circumstances as Naomi and Ruth. Who are the weak and vulnerable in our contemporary world? Who has to depend on the generosity of others to survive? In a world where God has provided enough for everyone to meet their basic needs, who has to live on the leftovers after the more fortunate take what they want?

Ruth was surprised at the kindness of Boaz that she, a foreigner could glean from his fields, eat with him and drink the water provided for the workers. After explaining that his kindness was in response to Ruth's treatment of Naomi, Boaz said to her, "*May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!*"

The lesson went on to share these facts. 'If all American churchgoers tithed, we could have an extra \$168 billion each year available to help the poor around the world. Less than 40% of this, only \$65 billion, could eliminate extreme poverty from the entire world.'

It's hard to believe that we hold onto that much money. My husband assures me it's not all in our bank account! That if we all (all, not just SUMC) tithed we could actually end extreme poverty. It can't be that simple, or could it? 360 cans of soup, collected from 170 churchgoers, helps feed the poor in Springfield. That's an average of 2-3 cans a month for each of us at SUMC, yet it changes lives. It might be changing the life of someone we know. I know, just being involved with this mission, has changed my life.

Thanks,

Polly Wise, Mission Ministry Team Chairperson

May God continue to bless you as you help the poor!



“CLOUDS OF CONNECTEDNESS”

In Syria and Israel, there are no large rivers and the people have to depend entirely on the fall of rain water for themselves, their animals, and their fields. Springs and fountains are found in most valleys, but the flow of the springs depends directly on the fall of rain or snow in the mountains. The cultivation of the land in Israel is practically dry farming in most of the districts, but even then some water is necessary so that there may be moisture in the soil. In the summer months there is no rain, so that the rains of the spring and fall seasons are absolutely essential for starting and maturing crops. The lack of this rain in the proper time has often been the cause of complete failure of the harvest. A small difference in the amount of these seasonal rains makes a large difference in the possibility of growing various crops. The promise of prosperity is given in the assurance of “rain in due season” Lev. 26:4. The withholding of rain according to the prophecy of Elijah (1 Kings 17:1) caused the mountain streams to dry up and certain famine to ensue.

Here at Sherman United Methodist Church we are at a crucial time of fall when we need the “rains” to ensure a healthy harvest. God has connected with so many of you and created from each of you a very distinct water droplet. Each of these water droplets together can potentially (with the right conditions as provided by God) form enough moisture to produce a cloud and eventually rain over the ministries at SUMC. Which ministries will be grown at SUMC this year? Ministries planted by the seed of God, rooted in the soil of the word of God, and watered by the love of those who follow Him. However, there is an ever present danger of drought caused by our tendencies to waste our resources. We must conserve our spiritual talents and use them in the best way we can to make sure the Lord’s crops are watered. We must make sure we don’t waste water on the “weeds” of this life. You are all so talented, some of you with the gifts of: wisdom, handy man skills, hospitality, baking, artistic talent, listening, teaching, singing, mechanical ability, organizational skills, caring/empathy for others, and much more!! Alone you are a needed droplet of moisture, but together you can be the life saving rain to the crops of ministry at SUMC. Without everyone’s help our ministries are threatened with droughts and the community of Sherman with famine!

On Sunday, September 25, SUMC is having a CONNECTIONS SUNDAY. It will be a time for us to remember and commit ourselves to be first, connected to God and Jesus by a personal relationship that includes learning the Bible and a relationship of prayer. Second, we must be connected to the spiritual gifts God has given us. We must know our gifts and “conserve” them so that we may be used to the fullest extent possible to further the kingdom of God, rather than wasted on distractions of this life. Third, we must be committed to be connected with one another in serving God and following Jesus. If the church is to be fruitful, each member must take his vow to support the church with time, prayers and petitions, gifts and talents, and tithes. You will have the opportunity between services to find out how you can be more connected with SUMC ministries and your spiritual gifts. Our new church software will also be unveiled and you will have the opportunity to go to the computer lab to learn how to connect (via computer) to the new SUMC website for members.

God has guaranteed a fruitful harvest, “the harvest is huge” Matthew 9:37. Please be in prayer and come connect with us on Sunday, September 25th to make this year’s fall “rains” and fall harvest a reality at SUMC.

Carmen Arnberger, Congregational Care Team Chairperson

CONNECTIONS SUNDAY
September 25TH



"Hello Everyone!"

If you are here in the mornings you may notice the sounds of children's laughter and little footsteps in the hallway. Preschoolers have arrived and we are so excited! Please welcome back our teachers Carmen Arnberger and Kim Fuiten. We also want to introduce and welcome our newest teachers: Devan Pfeiffer and Donna Powell. We are so blessed to have these wonderful teachers in our classrooms. It's going to be another great year for the preschool. We have a lot of exciting ideas and new plans in store the program this year.

Also, please remember that we currently have our Fall Fundraiser going on. Please sign up to purchase a tub or two of our delicious cookie dough. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex or you can let Kim Fuiten know and we'll get it ordered for you. Orders need to be turned in by September 10th. "Thank You" for your support of our preschool program.



- - Kim Fuiten
Director of SUMC Preschool

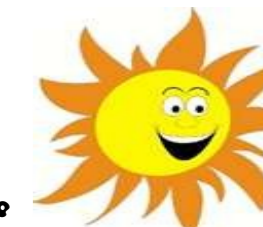
Kids Place News

Kids Place is kickin' it old school with a rock based 80's themed curriculum built around the truth that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow- His love never changes! The kids will learn traditional hymns set to an upbeat tempo as well as Books of the Bible and the 10 Commandments. It will be a lot of rock and roll fun!

Kids Place is beginning to collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child as we know many of you may have purchased new shoes for the fall. You may bring in your boxes and leave them in the fellowship hall kitchen. You might also begin to look for clearance school supplies that will fit in a shoe box as this is the time of the year to buy them! We will have a tub at the front desk to collect things to put inside the shoe boxes such as new happy meal toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hair supplies, small toys, jump ropes, socks, etc. Please just make sure that nothing is liquid, melts, or is war related. Thanks! ~

Carmen Arnberger, KP Director

Camp Sunshine



A BIG thank you to everyone for all of your prayers. We had great summer! We are already planning for next year so please keep your eyes open for any needs we may have.

Thanks again from Heather and the Camp Sunshine Staff.



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00-8:00pm	Every Monday Preschool 8:30-11:00 am Scout Meetings 6:00pm-8:30pm Kids' Place 3-6 pm Mon-Fri Tutoring 3-5 pm Tues-Wed-Thurs	Every Tuesday GS Troop 6465 (1st & 3rd Tues) Zumba 6-7pm (beginning Sept 27th)	Every Wednesday Methodist Men's-Rt.66 7:00am Preschool 8:30-11:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm- Rm 204 Choir Practice 6:00-7:00pm Crusaders 7:00-8:00pm Den 2 Webelos Bears (2nd & 4th Wed)	Every Thursday Praise Band Practice 6:00-7:00pm Zumba 6-7pm (beginning Sept 29th)	Every Friday	Every Saturday
				1 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 pm	2	3
4 Financial Peace Class 4-6pm No Youth Group	5 LABOR DAY Church office closed	6	7 CHOIR PRACTICE RETURNS 6-7pm	8	9	10 Six Flags Youth Group Trip
11 Financial Peace Class 4-6 pm No Youth Group	12	13	14 Finance Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm Ad Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18 "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday Financial Peace Class 4-6 pm Youth Group 6-8pm	19	20	21	22 Scout Pack Meeting FLC 7-8:30	23 Autumn Begins	24
25 "Connections Sunday" Financial Peace Class 4-6p Youth Group 6-8pm	26	27	28	29	30	



SUMC FAMILY CELEBRATIONS



* ANNIVERSARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Lauren O'Conner *Jim & Lettie Diekroger	3
4 Laurie Hayward Tamara Bivins *Jerry & Sherral Clark	5 *Jerry & Nancy Abbott *Tim & Rhonda Loyd	6 Thelma Seiz Bridgette Starwalt	7 Virginia Rush Jeanette Spencer Darren Moore Sarah Stover	8 Casey Deters	9 Derek Wicker	10 Jacob Morse Edna Nauman Joel Polistina
11	12 Betty Manley	13 Mary Polley	14	15 Carter Holsapple *Mike & Rose Spurlock	16 Karen Franklin Carson & Edna Nauman	17
18 Nathaniel Hiidlebaugh *Eric & Sandy Roeloffs	19	20 Gary Meister Karen Bennett	21	22 *Larry & Jeanette Spencer	23 Narinder Khanna *Dan & Shari Polistina	24
25 Vicki Jenkins Kye Swanson	26	27 Dale Martin Paul & Vicki Jenkins	28 Rachelle Flagg	29	30 Gwen Morse Marie Patterson Velma Kelley	