



## Sharon United Methodist Church

June/July 2010 Issue

We are disciples growing in our love for God and neighbor!

The church is our Family, living, and celebrating our faith in God's unconditional love through Jesus Christ. "To grow as disciples and reach others for Christ."

### *Pastor's Thoughts*

As we move into the summer season, I want to include a HUGE thank you to the choir for sharing their gift of music with us all year. Within our congregation if each person did not share their gifts, we would miss out on the abundance of gifts that God has given us. Thank you to the choir for taking the time to share their wonderful gift.

Our worship would just not be the same without their gift of music. However, if you feel that you do not have the gift of music to share, and then my question to you is; what gift do you have to offer to God to celebrate all that God has given to you?

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his [a]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."*  
Psalm 100

When you come to worship, or you think about what inspires you in worship, do you come ready to give thanks and praise? Our worship should truly be a place that is safe to talk to God about all that is going on in our lives, and this means that we can bring all of our hopes, needs, and concerns to worship with us. It also means that we should come prepared to open our hearts to what God wants us to hear, prepared to praise God with thankful hearts, and ready to give back to God from all that God has given to us.

I know how difficult it can be in our lives to always want to come with that thankful heart on Sunday morning, or to come prepared to praise God. However, then that is when our personal or private worship is just as important as our corporate worship. This may be a new idea to you, but even at home you can praise God through your prayers, your actions, your singing, your shouts of joy and praise. In Romans it says,

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." This means that there are times that even our acts that we use our bodies for are acts of worshipping. It is in all that we do, it is our whole lives, all that we are that we offer ourselves to God in worship, and can offer our many talents and gifts to the glory of God. As you go about doing many things this summer, and participating in activities, ask yourself the question, "Does this show my praise and thanksgiving to God?"*

I pray that you take time this summer to praise God with your whole body, knowing that all things have come from God, and that we can then in turn give all of who we are back to God.

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Family Worship 9:30am  
Fellowship 10:30  
Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30  
Sept. to May

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
July 4<sup>th</sup> & Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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**Next Issue Deadline – 7-25-10**

**Lectionary Reading for Worship.**

Be in the word of God Daily!

June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146;  
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 13 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8;  
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36 – 8:3

June 20 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Father’s Day

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42;  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 27 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 4 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30’  
Galatians 6:1-6; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82;  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or Psalm 82;  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 25 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;  
Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13**Hannah’s Circle & Family Ministries****REMINDER:**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> is Father’s Day**, and it is also our **Pie Auction**. Ladies, please help in this annual event. Make your honey’s favorite pie!!! Or someone else’s favorite. Please have your pies to Jacob Albright Hall by 9 am that Sunday morning. Thank You.



A Joliet Jackhammer’s game is being planned. More information will be coming on this.

**CANOEING !!!!!**

We are tentatively looking at Sun July 11<sup>th</sup> for this event. Following Church service we will meet at Eaton Preserve (on 135th St in Plainfield), and canoe to the Riverside Parkway just south of Caton Farm Road.

We are working out the details. Canoe’s are needed as we don’t think there is a canoe rental company available locally, so we need to find out who has canoes, and if they will let us borrow them. Secondly, we need to find a way to transport all the canoes to the start point, and then another way to get them from where we will finish. If anyone has information please contact Pastor Beth, or Joel Keene. Sounds like a lot of fun.

More detailed information will be coming in future Bulletins about the above listed events.

MEET THE CONGREGATION

## THE CROSS ON THE ALTAR

Excerpted from writings of Esther Modine, Historian

The cross on our altar was made by Bob Yahnke. Bob worked for the phone company, but his passion was working with wood. The beam from which Bob fashioned the cross is as old as Plainfield. When James Walker settled here along the river, this area abounded in large trees of oak and black walnut.

And so in the 1830's when Plainfield was just beginning, oak logs were used for the beams in the basements of houses that were being built. You will still find many of these old story-and-a-half houses on corners or in the center of the block in the older sections of town. On the corner of Illinois and Chicago Streets, across the street south from Plainfield United Methodist Church, was just such a house, which belonged to Butch and Linda Keene.

In 1977 Butch and Linda sold their little house on the corner of Illinois and Chicago Sts. to the bank across the street to be torn down and replaced with a parking lot. Since the Keenes had salvage rights, Bob Yahnke, Butch's uncle, asked for one of the old oak beams from the basement to make the cross for the altar at Sharon Church. At that time the house was 148 years old.

Bob had a respect and love of wood. So it was with this love, care and devotion to the glory of God that from this very old beam Bob fashioned the cross, as a gift for Sharon Church, using no nails. The square nail that you see on the cross bar is a representation of the times when the church was built. Bob said, **"It was all I could do to put that nail in the crossarm."**

With the help of Herb Glasscock, Bob hung the cross in 1978. During the renovation of the sanctuary in 1990, the architect said, "That cross has to go, it is far too small." But to a person, the entire committee said, in no uncertain terms, "That cross stays!" This old oak cross has graced our sanctuary for the past 32 years.

Respectfully submitted – Linda Keene, Historian



The choir is taking a much deserved break for the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has participated in and sang with the choir throughout the past year. Each of you has contributed to the growth and enrichment of the choir and I am so honored to be able to direct such a dedicated and wonderful group of people. And a special thank you to Carol Knotts for her continued excellence in accompanying us.

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 and I hope to see everyone returning to choir, plus I hope to see a few new faces! Singing in choir is not just for a select few, but is open to all who wish to praise God through music.

I hope everyone enjoys a great summer and I look forward to working with you again in the fall.

Donna Kirkwood - Director

The Congregation also wishes to thank Donna, our Choir, and Carol for the wonderful music that they have provided us this past season. Have a Great Summer Vacation, and looking forward to hearing you again soon.

A Note from the Plainfield Historical Society

Dear Sharon UMC,

On behalf of the Plainfield Historical Society I would like to express a sincere thank you for the use of Jacob Albright Hall for our auditions for the Cemetery Walk 2010. It is our great pleasure to present the stories of old Plainfield through the lives of the people who have lived here and are buried in the Plainfield Township Cemetery.

Our Walk is scheduled for September 19, 2010. We encourage you to attend and bring your friends and family and hope that you will enjoy the experience and learn more of the history of Plainfield.

Sincerely,

Linda Keene

Co-Chair Cemetery Walk 2010

**Electronic Funds Transfer is now available for you!!!!!!**

Make your contributions online, fast and easy.

Below are the instructions for registering for Electronic Funds Transfer. (EFT). They are very easy to follow instructions.

1. Enter this link onto your computer: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimjHMvOcJNMvXoNu3jmajEV2TZXWVoFN P4aqRa0S8QPHgWyUw1ums9tj3wl7okSf0MyMa8ujnK8ydUpzTh7G3HtjuaFJE=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimjHMvOcJNMvXoNu3jmajEV2TZXWVoFN P4aqRa0S8QPHgWyUw1ums9tj3wl7okSf0MyMa8ujnK8ydUpzTh7G3HtjuaFJE=&ver=3). (You might want to put this as one of your favorites, so if you need to verify your information, all you will have to do is go into your favorites, and click the web link.)
2. For your first time registering, select CREATE PROFILE.
3. You will be asked for your email id. THIS IS YOUR LOGIN NAME FOR THE SYSTEM. Select Continue.
4. Enter your contact information into the screen and select CREATE PROFILE.
5. You will now see a donation screen. Select ADD TRANSACTION.
6. Select your dollar amount, designation and pay frequency, then select CONTINUE.
7. From the Drop Down Box, complete your funding bank information, then select PROCESS.
8. Once processed, you will get a confirmation screen. Print screen if you wish. They will also send you a confirmation email to you.

You have just signed up for EFT!!!!!! That was so easy to do wasn't it!!! No more check writing, or waiting to see when your check clears the bank. It's done on one transaction on the day you picked.

Thank You for registering.  
Sharon Finance Committee



## The Scroll

### TRUSTEE'S

A BIG thank you to some of the people who helped with the Trustee's Work Day. The outside around the Church looks great!!

Gardening was done by Carol, Ron & Diane Pearson. Wally & Cindy put mulch around the church building.

Other projects worked on included the water faucet replacement, filled cracks in parking lot, a line run for hot water in church building, and an outlet replaced.

### Retarded Grandparents

Written by a third grader, on what his grandparents do.

After, Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandpa & Grandma. They used to live in a big brick house, but grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a Tin Box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles, and wear name tags, because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now.

They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out and go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night – early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the dollhouse, the ones who do get out, bring food back to the wreck center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the dollhouse. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.