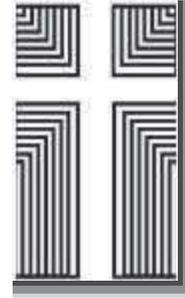


SHERIDAN TIDINGS



Oct/Nov/Dec/2025

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Insight into DAILY LIVING –

“When we see men of worth, we should think of equaling them; when we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves.”

—Confucius, “Analects”

THE MEDIA, ALL YEAR, HAS BEEN FILLED WITH THE VOICES OF CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS AND BIASED OPINIONS OF INFLUENTIAL PERSONS.

OUR AIM SHOULD BE TO IGNORE SUCH “NOISE” AND FOCUS ON THE TEACHINGS OF THE GOD WHO PROMISES TO SAVE US FROM SUCH NEGATIVE INFLUENCERS.

"I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN IF IT ISN'T SHINING. I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN IF I AM ALONE. I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT."

EVERY DAY OFFERS THE POSSIBILITY OF A MIRACLE.

Yours in Christ,
Cecily Gittens



From the Desk of the Minister:

We are still in process of searching for a new Minister for Sheridan United.

Perspective:

C.S. Lewis viewed true, spiritual peace not as the absence of problems or control, but as an internal state of God's presence and a surrender to His will, operating within a person, leading to inner transformation and strength even amidst difficulties.

This lasting peace, which cannot be found externally, is a gift from God that transcends rational understanding and provides a refuge by assuring that God is good and present in times of trouble.

True peace is not worldly peace. It's not the absence of problems: Lewis distinguishes true peace from a calm, problem-free existence.

It's not about control: It is not achieved by controlling circumstances or material possessions, but by recognizing limitations and surrendering control to God.

It's not an emotional state: It's not a mere feeling or temporary state of well-being, but an enduring internal reality.

True peace comes from God.

God's presence: It arises from a relationship with God and recognizing His presence within, which offers a sense of not being alone.

It's a gift from God: Peace is a gift from God, not something to be earned or manufactured through effort.

It transcends understanding: This divine peace surpasses our capacity for rational explanation and operates beyond external circumstances.

It transcends rational understanding and is found by acknowledging God's presence. Genuine peace begins with a conscious surrender to God's will, acknowledging human limitations and trusting in God's goodness and refuge in times of trouble.

Our world, fraught with hate, war, destruction, disease and environmental decay, need to reach out to a God of peace, to show us how to bring an end to all that's not right.

C.S. Lewis (11/29/1898 – 11/22/1963)

Clive Staples Lewis, A British writer, literary scholar and Anglican theologian, held academic positions in English Literature at several prestigious Colleges. He is best known as the author of ***The Chronicles of Narnia***, other works of fiction and his non-fiction, ***Christian apologetics, including Mere Christianity, Miracles and The Problem of Pain.***

Mission and Service

Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee is pleased to announce that Cecily Gittens has joined us as the committee's new chairperson. Welcome Cecily!! We look forward to working with you!!

Cheryl Henry - Worship Committee Member

Sunday worship services October through December cannot be posted as usual, as we are still in process of searching for a Minister.

Interim Ministers and/or Lay Preachers will be provided as needed going forward.

Cecily Gittens – Worship Committee Chair

Search Committee:

The search for Sheridan's new minister continues. The Regional Council has approved our request to expand our search to ministers in categories A-E. Hopefully, this change will have good results for Sheridan.

Cheryl Henry - Search Committee

Fundraising Committee:

Sheridan's Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Please plan to come out and attend the bazaar in order to support Sheridan United!!

For those of you who like to bake, we will need baked items to sell on that date. Containers for the baking will be supplied by the church.

There will be a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on Sunday, October 5, 2025 following the worship service. and anyone who would like to be a part of the committee is welcome to attend.

Cheryl Henry - Fundraising Team Chair

Financial Report:

No Report at this time.

Sharon Rutter – Treasurer



CHOIR NOTES:

Summer has come and gone, and with it the Choir's performance at the UCC 100th anniversary celebration service, this past June 8th at Eden United.

We're looking forward to hopefully more collaborations with other choirs in the future.

Choir practice is on Thursday evenings at 8.15pm, and all returning and new members are welcome to join us!

God Bless,

Amber Mailloux: Choir Director

News from the Pews:

HELP! We need more volunteers to help with the Fellowship after the Sunday service. United Church members love their coffee and snacks after the service, but we may not be able to continue if we don't have enough helpers.

Please let Anne Marie know if interested.

Bulletin:

Help Us Celebrate Thanksgiving!

Hymn Sing Sunday October 12

Let us know your favorite hymn and a word or two about why it is special to you,
and we can include it in our all-music service.

When it is time for your hymn you can talk about it or we can provide someone to
read what you have written (if you are shy).

Please send your hymn and reflection to the church office by October 3rd.



Submitted by Barb Finlay

H'm, things to ponder:

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go ...hmm....where is my Bible?

It makes you stop and think, “Where are my priorities?” “And no dropped calls?”

Oh, and one more thing:

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus Christ has already paid the bill.

When Jesus died on the cross, He was already thinking of you and me!

A Child's World:

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted:

'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving', he announced, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark? 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

On a positive note:

Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there!

Back Page: Smile – For a moment

A 90 year old columnist reflected on her life's experiences and penned some of the following:

- 1- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- 2- If possible, pay off your credit cards every month.
- 3- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- 4- Young people, start saving for retirement from your first paycheck.
- 5- Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.
- 6- Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- 7- Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

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