Don’t work for the food that doesn’t last but for the food that endures for eternal life.

– John 6:27a
~ Welcome ~
August 26, 2018

WE GATHER
“Holy Ground”
Davis

Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE
*Opening Hymn
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” No. 514

*Call to Worship
Leader: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.
People: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.
Leader: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.
People: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.
Leader: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.
People: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany my on my journey.
Leader: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.
ALL: I place my confidence and trust in God always. Amen.

*Morning Prayer
In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen.

Song of Praise
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Violin Solo by: Teresa Whetstone
WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time  “One Thing Just Leads to Another”  Pastor Jane
At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.

Prayers of the People
Sharing our Joys & Concerns
  Silent Prayer
  Pastoral Prayer
  Lord’s Prayer
  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
  *Gloria Patri
  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
  As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:
  World without end! Amen, Amen!

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading  Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  p. 220/1
  Ephesians 6:10-20  p. 1082
  John 6:56-69  p. 984
Message  "Defense or Offense"  Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection
Offering  “How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”  Hopson
*Doxology
  Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
  Praise Him, all Creatures here below;
  Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
  Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn  “Wonderful Words of Life”  No. 600
*Benediction
Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

WELCOME TO SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH! If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

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**Prayer List**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** – Join us this afternoon at 2pm for our Blessing of the new gathering space and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Join us to see what’s new, have some cake and see our new space! Remember, we now have a lift that can bring those who are challenged by stairs to our fellowship hall and sanctuary! Let’s celebrate!

**Movie Night**- Our next movie night will be on August 28, 2018 at the home of Nancy Vogel (781 Messina Drive). The movie will start at 7:00pm and last until about 9:00pm. The movie to be shown is “All Saints”. It is based on the true story of a salesman-turned-pastor who with a group of Southeast Asian refugees risked everything to save their church and their lives.

**Prayer Shawl meeting** – We’ll start meeting to make prayer shawls on the first Tues morning at 10:30am in Sept. 4. We always welcome new attendees.

The week of Sept. 9, the Prayer Shawl group will be taking blankets to the Children’s Services. If anyone else is interested in contributing in different ways, they are also in need of individual snack items such as bottled water, juice boxes like Capri Sun,
individual packaged food and snacks, such as Easy mac & cheese, ravioli, chips, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks. They said they have plenty of granola bars. These items need to be brought in by Sept. 9 and placed on the back table. Thank you for sharing, Janet

Choir – Choir practice for adults will begin this Thurs at 7p at the church. We always welcome new singers! First Church singing will be on Sept. 9. Children’s Choir will begin practicing during Sunday School on the first Sundays on Sept. 2, and will normally sing on the second Sun. In Sept they will sing on the third Sun, Sept. 16.

Back to Church Sunday – Sun. Sept. 16 is “National Back to Church Sunday” invite a friend to church and join us!

Lunch Bunch – Sept. 20, 11:30a. El Patrone Mexican Restaurant. 101 Greenwich Rd. Seville, OH. The car pool will leave the church at 11am. Please sign up on the sheet located under the bulletin board by the stairs to the balcony. Please let us know if you will be driving on your own. We order our meals from the menu and each person pays for their own meal. Everyone is invited – bring a friend if you wish!

Youth Confirmation class – Any youth in grades 7 or higher interested in Confirmation Class please contact Pastor Jane or the office. We plan to start a class this fall.

Adult Sunday School: Sundays, 9am, in Conference Room. The Early Church Becoming a Light in the Darkness. In this Study, Vander Laan uncovers the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. Filmed on location in Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus, and Laodicea, these illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. Video and discussion. Books available for purchase but not required.