The LORD’s Instruction is perfect, reviving one’s very being.
The LORD’s laws are faithful, making naive people wise.

-- Psalm 19:7
~ Welcome ~
September 23, 2018

WE GATHER
“Autumn Glory”
Riggs

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE
“Are Ye Able”

*Call to Worship
Leader: Our good works are done with gentleness.
People: Bitterness only leads to anguish.
Leader: God seeks peace and hope for all God’s people.
People: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God’s mercy.
Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.
All: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve. Amen.

*Morning Prayer
Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

Song of Praise
“Be Thou My Vision” Trumpet Solo by: Sam Piehl

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time
“Fishing for People” Millie Frambaugh
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

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

Message  
"The Good Life"  
Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering  
"Endless Alleluias"  
Solo by: Stephen

Kinford

*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

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“I Surrender All”  
No. 354

*Postlude

“Postlude in F”  
Nordman

*Indicates congregation to stand
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**

**Lunch Bunch** – Oct. 18, 11:30a. Brew Garden. 16555 Southpark Center, Strongsville, 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!

**Fall Swiss Steak Dinner:** Mark your calendars for our Fall Swiss Steak Dinner on Oct. 27 from 4p-7p. A donation and helper sheet will be out this month. Meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, bread, dessert, and beverage. Cost is: Adults: $9, Children age 6-12: $5, Children 5 and under: free.

**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: The next study will begin on or about Sept. 16th. It will be on The Dust of the Rabbi. An ancient Jewish proverb says, “Follow a Rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet”. Are you ready to be covered by the dust of our Rabbi, Jesus?

Spiritual Growth Discussions/Bible Study:
A new study will begin Tues, Sept. 11th in the Church Conference Room. For six weeks we will study The Prophets. In this study we will become acquainted with the Prophets found in the Old Testament: Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah. The sessions will run from 7pm – 8:15pm and will be coordinated by Stephen Kinford. On Oct. 23rd we will begin a four-week study Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Trick or Treat: Fall is here and so will the annual Sharon Center Trick or Treat on the Circle! We will be accepting candy donations to pass out to trick or treaters. Candy can be placed at the back of the Sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child – It’s that time of year again! We will begin collecting Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and must have them in by Nov. 11 so they can be taken to the distribution church. Great items for boxes – hygiene items, coloring/ writing/ school supplies, hats/ gloves/ socks/ jewelry/ toys/ games. Use your imagination! But please no liquids or war/ gun theme items.

Veteran’s Day Sunday – We will honor our veterans on Nov. 11, if you did not submit a photo last year, please do so by Nov. 4 to Nancy Baldwin or the office. A digital, emailed copy works great and can be sent to: baldwinwn@aol.com

3rd Grade Bible Recipients – Our 3rd Graders (and 4th if you did not get one last year) will receive Bibles on Nov. 18, please submit names to Nancy Baldwin.