

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

October 2018



Grace and peace to you from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

We kicked off our Fall Activities with “Back to Church Sunday” on September 16 and enjoyed some special music by our Kid’s Choir – “When We All Come Back to Church” sung to the tune of “O When the Saints Go Marching In”. We are so blessed to have Millie lead the choir, which practices on the first Sunday of every month during the 10:30 AM Worship hour. We are looking forward to enjoying some special music from our Children’s Choir for Christmas this year too. She does a wonderful job with the big kids as well. If you see Millie around, please give her a hug and tell her how much we appreciate her!

In October we will be talking about Discipleship and what it means to be a disciple. We’ll be spending some time in the book of Mark and focusing on our promise to faithfully participate in the ministries of this church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. What does all that mean exactly? What does it really mean to be a disciple at Sharon Center United Methodist Church?

Don’t miss out on the Community Outreach on October 31 in front of our Church Building at 6:00 PM, as well as the Swiss Steak Dinner and all our regular activities. We’ll be collecting treats for the Community Outreach, filling the Operation Homes Christmas Boxes and picking families to support and bless at Christmas. That’s just a portion of what happens in our faith family. We could sure use some additional voices in the choirs and another Bell Ringer or two. Join us any time!

God bless you as you seek to serve God and your neighbor,

Pastor Jane

Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

If so, we’re excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there’s always room for more! You’re always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!

DISCIPLESHIP

A Note from the Choir Director

LOOKING TO TRY OUR CHOIR?

We have a few opportunities for you to join our choir temporarily! First, we will be singing a joint number at our Community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 19. The choir will be singing "Our Grateful Praise!" by Lloyd Larson. This beautiful song includes brass and percussion. We will be learning this piece from 7:00-7:15p during our regular choir rehearsals now through Nov. 15. Second, the choir will be doing a Christmas Cantata on Dec. 23 during the worship service. Entitled "Christ Has Come!", it is our hope that the Christmas story will take on a new sense of celebration as you hear the music and we celebrate the birth of our Savior! We will be learning this piece from 7:15-7:30p during the regular choir rehearsals now through Nov. 15 and from 7:00-7:30p from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20. If you have wanted to be in choir, but don't have the time to commit, it is our hope that you will join us for one (or both!) of these short-term commitments!

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS!!!

We need you! We will be doing a Children's Christmas program for the worship service on Dec. 16. "Sing a Song of Christmas" blends familiar carols with new upbeat songs and narrative parts to tell the story of the Christ child's birth. We will begin learning the music Oct. 7 during the Sunday school session. Watch your bulletins and upcoming newsletters for further rehearsal dates and times!

WE MADE IT!

My shameless advertising of the handbells during a recent worship service seems to have worked! We now have our 10 ringers! Our goal is to play for the Dec. 9 service. The music has been picked out, ordered and is here! Our next step is to find a time to clean the bells and to rehearse. There will be a brief meeting on Sat. Oct. 6 at 10am for the following people that have offered to serve in this way: Betty Lewis, Janet Renner, Vicky Bogus, Sue Kelly, Jane Piehl, Dave Piehl, Bill Baldwin, Eunice Merritt, Chloe Brosch, Ann Passmore and anyone else who would like to see what it's all about! I'm very excited to hear the bells ring for the Christmas season!

~ Millie Frambaugh

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Fall Swiss Steak Dinner!

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 4p-7p.

Location: Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281

Meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, dessert, beverage.

Cost is: Adults: \$9, Children 5-12: \$5, under 5: free

The donation and helper sheet is out. Please consider helping at our annual fall dinner!



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 9a Adult Sunday School
10:30a Worship

October

1st	7p	Scout mtg
2nd	10:30a	Prayer Shawl mtg
	7p	Prophets Study
3rd	3:30p	Scout mtg
	6p	Scout mtg
4th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
5th	6p	Scout mtg
6th	8:30a	Men's Bible Study mtg
	10a	Book Club
7th		Children's Choir Practices
9th	7p	Prophets Study
11th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
14th		Children's Choir Sings
	5p	Scout mtg
16th	5p	Scout mtg
	7p	Prophets Study
	7p	Trustee's mtg
17th	3:30p	Scout mtg
	6p	Scout mtg
	6p	Herb Society mtg
18th	11:30a	Lunch Bunch
	7p	Adult Choir Practice
21st		Laity Sunday
	8a-1p	Community Pancake
		Breakfast at Sharon Fire Station
	6:30p	Scout mtg
23rd	7p	3 Simple Rules Study
25th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
27th	4-7p	Fall Swiss Steak Dinner
30th	7p	3 Simple Rules Study
31st	6p-8p	Community Trick or
		Treat on the Circle

November

10th	noon-6p	Sharon Fish Fry at
		Town Hall
11th		Operation Christmas Child
		Shoebbox Deadline
19th	6p/7p	Community Thanksgiving
		Service

October Birthdays

- 2 - Danielle Lahoski
- 3 - Joe Fox
- 4 - Dave Lahoski
- 5 - Keegan Cline
- 9 - Joey Sewell
 - Lloyd Fiste
 - Nick Phelps
- 10 - Norma Bates
- 13 - Emily Hoose
- 18 - Anne Gavinesky
- 20 - James Turner
- 21 - MayKenzie Lahoski
- 22 - Pattie Fiste
- 23 - Mark Raw
- 26 - Art Shick
- 30 - Melissa Williams
 - Joe Brosch
- 31 - Evan Buck

October Anniversaries

- 9 – Dave & Heather Lahoski
- 13 - Don & Debbie Ensor
- 16 - Dan & Sherri Buck
- 24 - Tom & Christine Boche
- 29 - Richard & Julianne Kinford

Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendar for Mon. Nov. 19, for our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. This year Sharon Center United Methodist will be hosting the event with potluck dinner at 6PM, joint choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM and Worship with Communion at 7PM. Come for all or part of this special evening.



Lunch Bunch

Oct. 18 Brew Garden
11:30a 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!

All people are invited to attend the Lunch Bunch. A sign up sheet is available at the church so that the restaurant knows how many are coming. Please join us!

~ Nancy Vogel

Foundations Team

Adult Sunday School

A group of Adults meet at 9am each Sunday to study God's word. Pastor Jane Piehl leads these sessions. We are using videos and lessons by Ray Vander Laan where we can experience the Bible in its historical context. Please join us! We are currently studying the **Early Church**. We are currently studying **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? Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.

Movie Nights

Mark you calendars now for the planned **Movie Nights**: Tues, Jan. 8, 2019 and Feb. 26, 2019. Perhaps you do not have you 2019 calendar yet, no worry, I will remind you again later.

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Continuing on Tuesday evenings, October 2, 9, and 16 is the study **The Prophets**. The prophets we will be discussing are: Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah. Please join us.

On Oct. 23rd we will begin a four-week study **Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living**. Paul Turner will coordinate this study. The study will be on Tuesday evening starting at 7pm.

~ Nancy Vogel

Trick or Treat on Sharon Circle—

There will be a Community Outreach on Oct. 31, 2018 from 6 - 8 PM in front of the church. We will have a tent set up and will be grilling hot dogs and giving away hot chocolate and treats. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, cook, pass out food, direct people traffic and clean up. We will be making treat bags again this year so if you are able to donate some snack size candy bars it would be appreciated! Just leave them in the back of the church. We need them by Oct. 27 so we can assemble the bags. Everyone come and join the fun!



Laity Sunday is Oct. 21. The Worship Service that day will be led entirely by lay persons from the congregation. The Methodist Church began as a Church that was led by lay people and occasionally a circuit-riding preacher would show up to marry and baptize people. The Holy Spirit doesn't check your paperwork when it comes to preaching God's word sharing the gospel message. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Jane know. Otherwise, you may be called to help!



A Note From Prayer Shawl

Ministry:

Through donations of fleece and hard work, the ladies were able to deliver 22 blankets and lots of snacks to the Children's Services of Medina County. The staff at Children's Services were overwhelmed with our donation, and we were Blessed. What a great feeling it is to know you have made a difference in someone's life and to bring comfort to a small child.

15 blankets will also be donated to Children's Hospital of Akron in memory of a 4yr. old child who lost his life in a drowning accident this summer.

~ *The Prayer Shawl Ladies*

Operation Christmas Child:

Once again, we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children around the world. Consider packing a box full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children who are living in poverty and despair. And thank God for the many ways he has blessed your family. Think about what it might be like to be a child who never had a toothbrush, a bar of soap, or even a toy of their own. And pray for the child who might receive your gift.

If you would like to pack a shoe box but don't have time to shop, let us shop for you, or you can build a shoebox gift online.

National Collection Week: November 12 – 19, 2018
Shoeboxes should be placed on the back table by November 11.

~*Janet*

Pantry Pick of the Month:

For the month of October, we are stocking the Food Pantry with SOUP! Just bring a can or cans of soup or chili to church some time this OCTOBER and we'll stock up! There's nothing like a hot bowl of soup on a cool Fall day to make you feel warm inside!



Each month we'll feature a different staple item and help to feed our neighbors through the St. Paul Pantry.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Love Inc:

Randy Raw and Pastor Jane Piehl attended the Love In The Name of Christ Homecoming Celebration Banquet held at Northside Church on Friday, September 7, 2018. Over 170 people attended and enjoyed a wonderful fried chicken and all the fixings dinner, and music by the Worship Teams from Second Baptist Church, Brunswick Nazarene Church as well as Bruce Wells, the Director of Love INC himself. The ministry is expanding and growing and we are so glad to be a part of transforming lives in the name of Christ. Please mark your calendar for Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM, Northside Church for a concert featuring the Gloryway Quartet. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per family, and all proceeds support the ministry of Love INC. Let's support this ministry to those in need in our own community!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Men's Breakfast Resumes

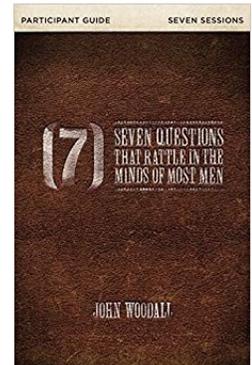
Our first-Saturday-of-the-month study starts back up Oct. 6th 8:30-10AM at Sharon Center UMC.

Our study will be:

Seven Questions That Rattle In the Minds of Most Men

by: John Woodall

Sometimes it seems as though everyone wants something from you - your wife, your kids, your boss, and maybe even God. The pressures of manhood can be enormous, and they're only intensified by the mixed messages you receive from culture. *Seven Questions That Rattle in the Minds of Most Men* is a small group experience that enables you to explore God's design for manhood.



- Where Am I?
- What's My Story?
- Who Am I?
- Why Am I Here?
- Where Am I Going?
- What About Women?
- Who Can I Trust?

We will meet Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6. 8:30AM-10AM. The October meeting will be at Sharon Center and after that we will take turns hosting it with St. Paul's

~ *Paul Turner*

Special Thanks:

A huge thanks to the Sharon Community Trusts for the generous grant of \$600 to Sharon Center UMC to help with signage, permanent fixtures, bulletin boards, and furniture for our Gathering Space to make the area more welcoming and assist in our outreach efforts to the community during the year!

A VERY SPECIAL thank you goes out to all of the musicians that have added to our worship services over the summer! We thank you for your willingness to serve and for sharing your talents with us. So if you see one of the following people, please thank them: Madeline McLaughlin, Teresa Whetstone, Sam Piehl, Dave Piehl, Elaine Mravetz, Stephen Kinford, Millie Frambaugh and our VBS Kids! (I hope I didn't miss anyone!) Also special thanks to Word Alive and the L.I.O.N. Players for a wonderful presentation!

Welcome to Our New Acolytes!

Welcome on board to our new acolytes this year—Mason Brosch, Chad Lahoski, Chloe & Coraline Falconer. And thank you to the rest of our acolytes for your hard work! Chloe Brosch, Maykenzie & Danielle Lahoski, Mason Haddix, Lane Cline, Evan Lautenschleger. And our graduate Elise Lautenschleger who filled in this year! Any youth in 2nd grade or higher is welcome to acolyte just let Nicole Fox know!

Book Club

Oct. 6th, *The Haunting of Hill House* by: Shirley Jackson

In 1959 this book was described as “a perfect work of unnerving terror”. Four individuals go to Hill House to see if ghosts are actually present. What happens to them??? We will only know by reading this 182-page book!



Nov. 3rd, *Hum if You Don't Know the Words* by Blanca Marais

This story takes place during the Apartheid in South Africa. A 10-year old white girl becomes an orphan and is sent to live with a loving but irresponsible aunt. Beauty Mbali a black women is hired to care for her. Their lives a built on a division of race and their meeting should never have occurred. If you liked the books “The Secret Life of Bees” and “The Help”, this book is for you.

~Nancy Vogel

All Church Meeting:

On September 12 we shared in fellowship and a delicious pot luck supper, then spent some time celebrating, being updated in the church's financial health, and planning for the future. The theme was “Using Our Gifts.”

Following prayer, we celebrated a sampling of our efforts at “using our gifts” that have occurred since May: the Pancake Breakfast that raised over \$1,000 to assist a family in critical need in our community, the generous school supplies project that assisted Highland Community Support Network in providing school supplies to children in need in our district, The 37 shawls, blankets, items, and snack supplies that the Prayer Shawl Ministry made and gathered for Medina County Children's Services and Akron Children's Hospital, the ongoing mission of providing needed food to the Sharing Center, to name a few. In addition, our church has paid our Conference Apportionments that go to ministries and outreach at 100%. We have dedicated the new addition that includes handicapped accessibility with both a new lift and restroom, and a welcoming Gathering Space. Spiritually we have ongoing Bible Studies opportunities to grow in our individual spiritual walks: Adult and Children's Sunday School, Tuesday evening Bible Study, Men's Saturday a.m. Study. We are looking forward to the Fall Dinner that is open to the community and the October 31 Halloween Outreach project that reaches many families.

Charlie Tramel provided a positive financial snapshot of our church finances. Our plate giving has increased and expenses are lower than budget. Renting the parsonage has helped lower our monthly expenses and increase our Year To Date income. Following a decision to begin to rebuild the LAND fund that was depleted by the recent building project, we have started to transfer funds that exceed our 6 month operating expenses reserve to that fund. In looking at annual giving trends, we appear to have a slightly decreased number of “giving units”, which are families or individuals who give twice or more per year, but plate giving has increased some. Charlie challenged us to think about the possibilities for our church more fully living its mission if we either increased the number of giving units (families) actively engaged in our church and its outreach, or increased slightly the amount that each giving unit pledges to the church and its outreach efforts each year.

In looking to this fall and beyond, Pastor Jane used a three legged stool to reflect our need to maintain a solid three legged spiritual base of Prayer, Spirituality and Service. We are all in different places in our spiritual walk. To actively participate in prayer, reading the Bible and growing in spiritual knowledge, and using our God given talents and gifts to serve others will help to maintain that solid base. With several upcoming opportunities for Bible Study, Back to Church Sunday, and maybe even participating in one or more of the offerings of fellowship and ministry through Lunch Bunch, Bell Choir, Choir, Prayer Shawl and Crafting group, or church projects, we can all maintain a more solid base to build in our spiritual life.

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Date: October 27

Time: 4p-7p



Meal: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes,
green beans, applesauce, roll,
beverage, pie



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