

~ Welcome ~

December 2, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow”
Hughes

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 213

If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the “little church” to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

People: As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

People: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call in the days to come.

All: Amen!

*Morning Prayer

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ashley Krautheim

Stacey Freiteg

Congregational Response

"A Candle Is Burning" (Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger") See Screen

Song of Praise

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Sung by: Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

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.

Offering

“Prayer”

Riggs

*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 HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

p. 732

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

p. 1093

Luke 21:25-36

p. 972

Message

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Sharing in the Lord’s Supper

No. 12

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

No. 203

*Benediction

Go into the world awake to the signs of God's invitations to new life. Know that the reign of Christ draws nearer with each right action we choose. Amen.

*Postlude

“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

Scott

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl

Millie Frambaugh

Dave Piehl

Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch

Mason & Connor Haddix

Pastor

Music Director

Lay Speaker

Greeters

Acolytes

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.

www.sharoncenterumc.org

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

SharonCenterUMCsecretary@gmail.com

Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

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This Week

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Weds	10a	Pillowcase making
	3:30p	Scout mtg
	6p	Scout mtg
Thurs	7p	Choir Practice
Sat	9a	Bell Choir Practice
		Scout mtg

Upcoming Events

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12/15	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale
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		Adopt a family items due
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Lunch Bunch – Dec. 20, 11:30a. Amuse Euro Bistro 108 Public Square. Medina, 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!

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