

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

December 2018



Dear Community of Faith:

Advent marks the beginning of another year in the cycle of Scriptures that presents the story of the love of God revealed to the world. Through the year we walk through the life of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords humbled himself and took the form of a baby, became a servant and sacrifice, so that we might be in relationship with him and live with him forever in paradise. During Advent we recognize the *incarnation* – God made flesh, God in human form, God with us. I never grow tired of hearing the story.

During this Advent season we will be reflecting on the different characters found in the story of the birth of Christ and the “dilemma” that each of them faced. How was God at work in the lives of each of them? What can we learn from each of them?

December 2 - Joseph and the Dilemma of Doubt
December 9 – Mary and the Dilemma of Yes
December 16 - Innkeeper and the Dilemma of Belief
December 23 - Shepherds and the Dilemma of Joy
December 30 - Wisemen and the Dilemma of Obedience

Don't miss any of the wonderful music that Millie has been working on this month. December 9 highlights the recently reunited Bell Choir; December 16 is our Kids' Christmas Program “Sing a Song of Christmas” and December 23 features our choir's Christmas Cantata “Christ Has Come”.

May God bless you this season with wonder and joy at the coming of the Christ child!

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!



A Note from the Choir Director

I can't believe it's finally here! It has been a long time coming, but we finally made it! Mark your calendars for December 9 during the morning worship service. That's when our newly-formed (and very excited!) handbell choir will play for the Glory of God! What a great way to start the Christmas Season. Hope to see you then!

Another date to put on your calendar...Dec. 16. That's when our children will be presenting "Sing a Song of Christmas"! They have been practicing very hard and have 2 more to go. They will rehearse Dec. 2 during the Sunday School time and then again on Dec. 15 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. What a blessing these kids are to Sharon Center UMC! We have 15 involved in this musical! It will be very exciting! Join us Dec. 16!

Yet another date to remember is December 23! That's when our adult choir will present the cantata "Christ Has Come!" by Marty Parks and Russell Mauldin. The wonder of the Birth of Christ is told through narration and music. Please join us during the worship service that morning to celebrate His Coming!

Finally, since December 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month, we will have a hymn sing during that worship service. Didn't get enough of your favorite Christmas hymns or didn't hear your favorite? Come let us know and maybe we'll be able to sing them all one more time!

All Choirs Dates to Remember:

Adult Choir Practice: Thursdays, Dec. 6– Dec.20, 7pm.

Bell Choir Practice: Dec. 8, 9a

Children's Choir Practice: Dec. 15 from 10a-noon

~ Millie Frambaugh

Cookie & Craft Sale

Stop by the annual Cookie & Craft Sale on Dec. 15 from 9a-noon at Sharon Center UMC, 6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH

Cookies and treats will be \$8/ lb and you can fill a box of your own. Craft items are individually priced. Donations are still be accepted of Cookies and Craft items.



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

December

1st	8:30a	Men's Breakfast
	10a	Book Club
	10a	Hanging of the Greens
2nd		Children's Choir Practice
4th	7p	Down to Earth Study
5th	10a	Pillowcase making
6th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
8th	9a	Bell Choir Practice
9th		Bell Choir Performs
11th	7p	Down to Earth Study
12th	7:30p	Administrative Council
13th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
15th	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale
16th		Children Perform
18th	7p	Down to Earth Study
19th	6p	Herb Society mtg
20th	11:30a	Lunch Bunch
	7p	Adult Choir Practice
23rd		Cantata Performs
24th	7p	Christmas Eve Service

January

1/8 7p Movie Night

1/10 10:30a When God's Spirit Moves Study begins

1/15 7p One Faithful Promise Study begins

December Birthdays

- 4 – Cayla Falconer
- 16 - Christina Breese
- 18 - Stacey Russell
- 21 - Robert Jones
- 23 - Janice Jones
Melissa Shaw
- 24- Eunice Merritt
- 31 - Ann Krautheim

December Anniversaries

- 10 - Fred & Edilene Coblentz
Joe & Carolyn Hege

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 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

Adults please join the study of God's word on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. We are using videos and lessons by Ray Vander Laan where we experience the Bible in its historical context. Please join us!

In December we will begin the study of **Walk As Jesus Walked**. This in depth session will focus on "being a disciple in a broken world". You are free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.

Movie Nights

Our first movie night will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Vogel residence (781 Messina Drive, Wadsworth) at 7:00pm. The movie is titled **Waiting For Butterflies**. It is a story of healing and forgiveness.

Mark you calendars now for the next movie night, which will be February 26th.



Spiritual Growth Discussions

An Advent study, **Down to Earth** will start on November 27th at 7:00pm in the church conference room. This study is by Mike Slaughter and will cover the miracle that took place with Jesus' birth. The study will be on Tuesday evening, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 starting at 7:00pm. Randy Raw is coordinating it.

On January 15, 2019 Rev. Matthew Wald will coordinate the study **One Faithful Promise: The Wesleyan Covenant Renewal**. This is a six-week study that will conclude on Tuesday, February 19th.

~ Nancy Vogel

New Study with new Date & Time: We will begin a new study on Thurs, Jan. 10th at 10:30am, and 6 following Thursdays. Titled: When God's Spirit Moves. It's a 6 week study on life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. Contact Randy Raw, so that books can be ordered.
~ Randy Raw

Emmaus Walk

Interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus? The walks fill up quickly (especially the women's walks) so sign up early! Brochures and applications are available from Dave or Jane Piehl. Upcoming dates for walks held at Camp Wanake are:

Men's Walk April 4 -7, 2019

Women's Walk April 11 – 14, 2019

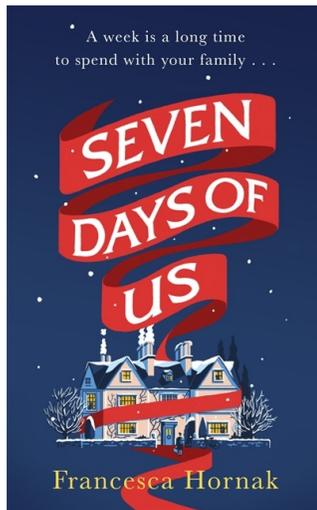
Men's Walk October 17 – 20, 2019

Women's Walk October 24 – 27, 2019

Book Club

Dec. 1st, *Seven Days of Us*
by: Francesca Hornak.

The Birch family meets at their aging country estate for Christmas. It is the first time in years since they have been together. All does not go as planned and tensions come to the surface. This family has a hard time being stranded together for seven days. They do not even have decent Wi-Fi to use!



Jan. 5th, *The Unquiet Grave: A Novel.*

By Sharyn McCrumb.

This book is set in the 19th century of West Virginia and is based on a true story of the case of the Greenbrier Ghost.

The Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month except for weeks with holidays when it meets the second Saturday of the month. Feel free to join us and bring a friend if you wish.

The Book Club has picked out some exciting books for 2019. If you would like a list of all 12 selections, please contact Nancy Vogel.

~Nancy Vogel

Welcome to Our New Acolytes!

Welcome on board to our newest acolyte Hoyt, Celia, and Grace Pylypiak. Any youth in 2nd grade or higher is welcome to acolyte just let Nicole Fox know!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Mens Breakfast is Saturday Dec. 1, 8:30-10AM at Sharon Center UMC. We are on Question 3.

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?

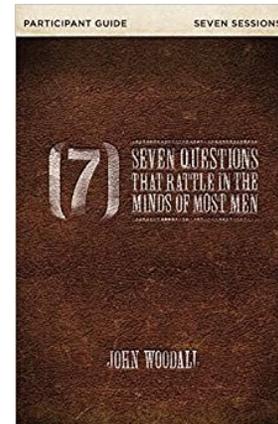
Who Am I?

Why Am I Here?

Where Am I Going?

What About Women?

Who Can I Trust?



We will meet Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6. 8:30AM-10AM.

~ Paul Turner

Pantry Pick of the Month

For the month of December, we are stocking the Food Pantry with boxed baked goods! We all love a little treat during the holidays, so let's help others do a little holiday baking with a box of cookie/ brownie/ muffin or cake mix.

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.'





Poinsettia Order Form

Our sanctuary will be decorated the Sunday before Christmas with Poinsettias ordered by members of our congregation in honor of, in memory of, or to celebrate loved ones. You can also purchase one to be given to a homebound individual. The names of donators will be listed in an insert in the bulletin.

Poinsettias may be ordered for \$9 each using the following form. You may place the order form with payment in the collection plate on Sundays, on the desk in the office, or give to Nancy Baldwin. Orders for poinsettias will be taken until Dec. 16th.

You may take the poinsettias home Sun. Dec. 23rd, Christmas Eve, or Sun. Dec. 30th.

Poinsettia \$9 Quantity ordered _____

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Adopt –a –Family Giving Tree

We will be adopting families for Christmas and providing Christmas gifts. The Giving Tree is up, please take a tag, write down your name next to the gift, and return to the church **unwrapped**. Please have items at the church by **Dec. 16**. Wrapping paper can be provided with gift. Please provide a gift receipt.

Pillowcase Making

Pillowcase Making - On Wed. Dec. 5, 10am-2 pm. ladies from the church will be making pillowcases for the residents of the Medina County home. If you would like to help that would be great. Lunch will be furnished. Any questions contact Jan Highman 330-239-1076

Cookie & Craft Sale



December 15
9a-noon
\$8/ lb



Large variety of cookies and snacks
Proceeds support the Sharon Center UMC



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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