Welcome
December 16, 2018

WE GATHER
Prelude "Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)" Tomquist
Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE
*Opening Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” No. 224
*Call to Worship
Leader: Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.
People: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.
Leader: God's love is forever. You are beloved.
People: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.
Leader: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.
All: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.

*Morning Prayer
Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Falconer Family
Congregational Response
“A Candle Is Burning” (Sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”) See Screen

Song of Praise “Labor of Love” Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY
Children’s Time “Mary Visits Elizabeth” Millie Frambaugh

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
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
Isaiah 12:2-6 p. 642
Philippians 4:4-7 p. 1086
Luke 2:1-7 p. 945

Video Message “Video Message: The Innkeepers Dilemma of Belief”

Message “Sing a Song of Christmas” Sung by: Children’s Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD
Moment of Reflection
Offering “The Coventry Carol” with “Away in a Manger” Berry

*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
"In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221

*Closing Hymn

*Benediction
The day is at hand; the Savior draws near! Let us feast, and let our taste be keen, lest the cup be filled and left unpoured, lest the bread be baked and left unbroken.

*Postlude
"There's a Song in the Air"
Harrington

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Elaine Mravetz
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch

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.

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates
Phil Bernhard
Anne Gavinesky
Warren & Jean Geitgey
Ellen Ingersoll
Guy & Wanda Quick
Jeannette Swires
Mary Jane Winters
Gavinesky Family

This Week

Sun  Cookie & Craft Sale immediately following the service
     Poinsettia order forms due
Tues  7p  Down to Earth Study
Wed  3:30p  Scout mtg
        6p  Scout mtg
        6p  Herb Society mtg
Thurs 11:30a  Lunch Bunch to Amuse Euro Bistro
         7p  Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

12/23  Christmas Cantata
12/24  7p  Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookie & Craft Sale – We will sell Cookies and Crafts in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Poinsettia Sale – Poinsettia order forms are due today

Adopt-a-Family Giving Tree – Adopt a family giving tree items are due today.

Homebound Holiday Gift Bag distribution – Would you like to visit one of our homebound members? We have made up gift bags for our Homebound members on our Prayer list. If you are able to drop in for a visit to someone in the next week, see Nikki Fox for their gift bag.

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!

New year, new sign ups and volunteering opportunities! – Sign up to host a Cookie Sunday or be a Greeter in 2019. Not sure what to do? No problem we can help! Any Cookie Sunday hosting questions see Nikki Fox, Greeter questions see Bill Baldwin or Ann Passmore. Want to help out in other small ways around the church? Participate as an usher- talk to Bill Baldwin to let him know you are interested (we welcome women and youth ushers too)! Want to help take our St. Paul Pantry Collection items to St. Paul’s? Contact Nikki Fox for info.

Ready for a bigger volunteer role in the church? How about joining a committee? Trustee’s (see Richard Frost), Administrative Council (see Elaine Mravetz), Worship Committee (see Nancy Baldwin), want to teach Children’s Sunday School? (see Lou or Tricia Antonelli, Paul Turner, or Kathy Shaw).

Adult Sunday School: New Study for December- 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. Join us at 9am on Sunday mornings in the Conference room.

An Advent study, Down to Earth, will start on Nov. 27th at 7pm 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 7pm. Randy Raw is coordinating it.

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.

New Study begins in the New Year: Jan. 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 Tues, Feb. 19th.