

# ~ Welcome ~

December 16, 2018

## WE GATHER

Prelude "Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)"  
*Tornquist*

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

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

Pastor  
Music Director  
Lay Speaker  
Greeters  
Acolytes

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## 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](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org)

### SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

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

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Pastor Jane Piehl

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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 Adopt-a-Family items due
Tues	7p	Down to Earth Study
Weds	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. 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup>.