

~ Welcome ~

December 30, 2018

WE GATHER

“The Star of Bethlehem”

Adams

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

No. 206

*Call to Worship

Leader: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

People: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

Leader: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

People: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

Leader: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

All: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

Hymn Sing – Pick your favorite Christmas Hymns!

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time

“A Promise is a Promise”

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.

*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

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

p. 251

Colossians 3:12-17

p. 1090

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 890

Message

“The Wisemen's Dilemma of Obedience”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

Solo by: Stephen Kinford

*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

*Closing Hymn

“We Three Kings”

No. 254

*Benediction

People who have been found, loved, and forgiven, go into God's world bringing messages of peace, love and hope to all you meet. Be prepared for lives of service, helping others in all kinds of needs and situations. Go in peace. Amen.

*Postlude

“Glory in the Highest”
Tornquist

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Nancy Vogel
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch
Chloe & Coraline Falconer

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

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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

This Week

Sat 8:30a Men's Breakfast
10a Book Club

Upcoming Events

1/8 7p *Waiting for Butterflies* movie night
1/10 10:30a When God's Spirit Moves study begins
1/15 7p One Faithful Promise study begins
1/17 11:30a Lunch Bunch
1/26 9a-noon Canal District Leadership training event
2/3 Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale
2/10 Valentine Care Package for College Students item donation deadline
2/26 7p *A Man Called Peter* Movie night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have anything for the Jan/ Feb newsletter please email it to the office by Monday morning.

Kitchen island is overflowing with trays and dishes, please take home if they are yours or they may end up in rummage sale in the spring.

There is a table in the Fellowship Hall with unneeded items from church clean out. Please help yourself to anything on the table.

Lunch Bunch – Jan. 17, 11:30a. Lunch Bunch will be going to Zoup! 3900 Medina Rd. in Montrose. 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!

Canal District Leadership Training event: Jan. 26 from 9a-noon (new this year, not all day event). Location is at: Greensburg UMC in North Canton: 2161

Greensburg Rd. North Canton, OH. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board for classes and times.

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).

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

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.

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.

Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale: We will have our annual Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale on Feb. 3. Details and forms will be out after the first of the year.