

~ Welcome ~

March 31, 2019

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach

As the Prelude is played, let's begin to place ourselves in the presence of God and prepare our hearts for Worship through silence and prayer.

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 384

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: Amen!

*Morning Prayer

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.

Hymn Sing

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls and Blankets

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.

*Gloria Patri

version No. 71

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

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

p. 962

Message

“Coming Together”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Reflection

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 140

Offering

“Shepherd's Song”

Heller

*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

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

No. 383

***Benediction**

Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace. Amen.

***Postlude**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Gounod

As the Acolytes extinguish the candles and carry the light of Christ to the world and the postlude is played, let's take a moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to enter our mission field.

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Charlie Tramel
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch
Pylypiak's

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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Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates
Phil Bernhard

Anne Gavinesky
Ellen Ingersoll
Guy & Wanda Quick

Jeannette Swires
Mary Jane Winters
Pat Bernhard

This Week

Tues	10:30a 11a-3p	Prayer Shawl Grp Office open Tues instead of Fri this week, in addition to Mon & Weds. 11-1p <i>Simon Peter</i> study
Weds	7p 3:30p 6p	Scout mtg Scout mtg
Thurs	10a 7p	<i>Soul Keeping</i> study Choir Practice
Sat	8:30a 9a 10a	Men's Breakfast Bell Choir Practice Book Club

Upcoming Events

5/31-6/1	Sharon Showcase Community Event
6/9-6/13	Annual Conference at Lakeside
6/24-6/28	5:30p Vacation Bible School

Easter Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service – 7pm
Good Friday Service – 7pm
Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park – 7am
Easter Breakfast at the Church – 8:30am
Service at the Church – 10:30a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Bunch – April 18, 11:30a. Lunch Bunch will be going to Courtyard Café 7600 Chippewa Rd. in Brecksville. 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!

Adult Sunday School: The study is titled: *God Heard Their Cry: Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials*, By: Ray Vander Laan with Stephen and Amanda Sorenson. 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.

Vacation Bible School! – Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28 this year (New dates –

Mon-Fri). The meal will be at 5:30p, and program at 6p. Location is at St. Paul Lutheran Church combined with Sharon Center UMC. Program is: “Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!”

Easter Breakfast Join us for Breakfast 8:30am, Easter Morning at the Church. A sign up sheet is posted at the back of the sanctuary for donations.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast – May 27, 7a-11a. As many of you know, the annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast is an important outreach to our community, and has been very well attended by community members.

Although the meal is free, any donations given are used to assist a family in the community that is in significant need through medical or life crisis. This year the proceeds will be used to help a family or families that the Highland Community Support Network has identified as in definite need of assistance.

To make this community service effort a success, we need helpers in these areas: kitchen set up and pre-event food prep, cooks, servers, Fellowship Hall help with the beverage station, post event clean up. Please contact Bob Mravetz at rmravet@uakron.edu if you can assist in any of the above areas for part of the time or for the entire time. Your help will assist us in this annual outreach to the community and to meet need where it exists. Thank You!

Prayer Requests: Do you have a prayer request? Someone having surgery, testing, court date, difficult decision or just want some prayer? We have a dedicated group of prayer warriors that want to pray for you. Please send a text to (330) 321-4700, send a message on Facebook Messenger or call /email the office. We want to lift each other up to the throne of mercy for healing, help and hope!

Sharon Showcase: We will be participating in the annual SHARON SHOWCASE festival on the Sharon Circle on Sat. June 1. We will be sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and some SWEET DESSERTS. Look for a sign up coming soon. Mark your calendar!

Sunday School Room Update: The Children's Sunday School room has been painted (thank you George Wemmer and friends!) and on-going clean up and decorating continues. Please excuse our dust! We will be adding and organizing with a special open house soon. We love our kids and want to show them that we value them and their ministry to the world. Thank you for your patience and please visit when it's complete!

Did you know? The bulletin and newsletters are all on our website? Each week the bulletin is added to the website so that you can see what's happening and check on times and dates. Each month the newsletter is also added. These are great resources and keep us all informed on what is happening in our community of faith! www.sharoncenterumc.org.

Scouting BSA: We have two SCOUT TROOPS and a CUBSCOUT PACK that we charter and try to support in any way we can. Troop 7411 is a troop of girls looking for friends in grade 5 through 12 to join them. Scouting is a wonderful program that teaches so many skills and provides opportunities to grow. If you know anyone interested please have them call Rose Marie Hoopingarner, Scout Master Troop 7411, at (330) 697-5698 or email Troop7411@yahoo.com. Let's spread the news and support our Troops!