~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude  "Be Thou My Vision" (Inspired by Mozart's "Laudate Dominum")
Arranged by Faye Lopez

Welcome & Announcements
*Opening Hymn  "How Great Thou Art"  No. 77

*Call to Worship
Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, who answer prayer.
People: Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.
Leader: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.
People: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.
Leader: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.
People: Let us shout and sing together for joy.

*Morning Prayer
It is good to be together, God, in this place, with these people, at this time, together listening for your voice. In this hour of worship tell us about your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it. Show us your justice. We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily. Amen.

Song of Praise  Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time  "Staying Within the Lines"  Millie Frambaugh
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

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  Joel 2:23-32  p. 840
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  p. 1103
Luke 18:9-14  p. 967

Message  “Plugging into God's Power”  Rev. Phil Raynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection
Offering  “If with All Your Hearts”  (from "Elijah") by Felix Mendelssohn

*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  "How Great Is Our God"  See Screen

*Benediction

*Postlude
  "I Love to Tell the Story"  by William G. Fischer

*Indicates congregation to stand
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
Richard Lewis
Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Mon 7p  Bells practice
Tues 7p  Unanswered study
Thurs 10a  No Choir practice
6p-8p  Trick or Treat on Sharon Circle
*Office open 11a-3p on Thurs, Oct. 31 instead of Fri Nov. 1 this week*
Sat 8a  Men’s Breakfast Study
10a  Book Club

Upcoming Events

11/3  All Saint’s Sunday
11/9  6p  Women’s Aspire Night at North Olmstead
11/10  5p  Church Conference at Grandview UMC
11/17  Christmas Shoeboxes due
11/21  11:30a  Lunch Bunch to Wally Waffle
11/25  7p  Community Thanksgiving Service at Remsen Church
11/30  10a  Hanging of the Greens
12/14  9a-noon  Cookie & Craft Sale
12/15  3p  Children’s Christmas Musical
12/22  3p  Blue Christmas Service
12/24  7p  Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday – Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday is Nov. 3. This is a very special service where we honor those who have joined the church triumphant over the last year. Come light a candle in memory of loved ones that have passed.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to Wally Waffle, 3397 Medina Rd. Akron, OH on Nov. 21, 11:30a. 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!

Sharon Center Trick or Treat – Thank you for the generous donations of candy for Trick or Treat night. We have collected the quota. Great Job! We will need volunteers to help pass out candy, cook hot dogs, serve hot chocolate, and set up on Oct. 31st from 6p-8p.

Community Thanksgiving Service – This year’s community Thanksgiving service will be at Remsen Christian Church at 7p on Nov. 25.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes – The deadline for shoeboxes is Nov. 17.

Aspire Women’s Night – A 1 night, 3 hour event just for women full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. Group tickets are available through Pastor Jane for group rate of $20 Deadline is Nov. 6. Tickets are $25 at the door.

Date: Sat. Nov. 9
Time: Show starts at 6p, Doors open at 5:30p, carpool leaves at: 4:30p
Location: North Olmsted Friends Church 5665 Great Northern Blvd. N. Olmsted, OH 44070

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School is currently studying the book of Hebrews. This is the book of the Bible that was written to the Jewish Christians. Please come and join us as we study Hebrews and how it can guide our lives today. Join us any time, it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions. Join us at 9am on Sunday mornings in the Conference room.

The next Tuesday night study will be titled, Unanswered, by Jeremiah Johnston. The study will begin on Oct. 29 from 7p-8p in the conference room.

Thursday morning study – A 6 session study on The Christian Atheist by: Craig Groeschel starts Oct. 24 at 10am. We will meet in the Conference room.

Men’s Breakfast – Men’s breakfast study group is studying Making of a Man, the next meeting is on Nov. 2 at 8am. It will be held at Sharon Center UMC. Pumpkin pancakes and turkey spam is on the menu! The study is by Tim Brown. Tim Brown won the Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame and played 17 years in the NFL and was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2015. It’s about leading a life of honor and integrity that honors God. This is a study for all men no matter what stage of life you are in.

Can You Serve? Treasurer Needed for Sharon Center UMC! Our wonderful and dedicated Treasurer, Eunice Merritt, needs to step back from her service as our church Treasurer. She has done an amazing job in setting up automatic payments for a number of the regular church bills, and organizing the books to be user friendly. We are in need of a replacement for this volunteer position to serve about an hour or two a week. Please prayerfully consider possible service to our church in this need. Eunice has agreed to mentor her replacement for a period of time until he or she is comfortable in the duties of Treasurer. Having access to a computer will be very helpful. Please consider serving our church’s mission in this manner. We have been very blessed to have Eunice in this position for a number of years, and thank her for her dedicated service! If interested, please contact Eunice for more info on what is involved in Treasurer duties, or contact Charlie Tramel, Dan Farnsworth, Bill Baldwin, Elaine Mravetz, or Pastor Jane) if interested in serving our church’s mission in this manner.