Welcome

WE GATHER
“Autumn Reverie”

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

Paxton

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn
“Standing on the Promises”
No. 374
If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the “little church” to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

*Call to Worship
Leader: The promises of the world turn to ashes and dust,
People: but the promises of God last forever.
Leader: The Holy One calls to us: “Come!”
People: We come to rekindle the gift of God ablaze within us.

*Morning Prayer
Heavenly Father, you call us into being; you keep us in safety; you hold us in life. Far too often, we turn from you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other human beings and the insecure security of wealth. Be with us now. Bring us into your presence. Comfort our pain. Challenge our pride. Enter into our prayer and our praise, that our worship may be pleasing to you. We pray these things in the name of the one who loved us first, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise
“Make Us One”

Sung by: Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time
“Moses and the Burning Bush”
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.

Offering
“Song of Trust”
Frick

*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 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
Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26 p. 756, 759
2 Timothy 1:1-14 p. 1101
Luke 17:5-10 p. 966

Message
“Guard Your Treasure”
Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Reflection
“I Come with Joy” (vs. 1, 2, 3) No. 617
Sharing in the Lord’s Supper
No. 12

WE GO FORTH

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

“Bind Us Together”
TFWS 2226

*Closing Hymn
“Bind Us Together”

*Indicates congregation to stand

*Postlude
“Take the Name of Jesus with You”
Doane/ Landon

Benediction
God has given us a spirit of power and love. Let us go forth into the world in the power of God’s Spirit.

*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  Richard Lewis  Guy & Wanda Quick
Norma Bates  Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Sun 7:30p  Youth Group Campfire meeting
Tues 7p  Pray Like This study
Weds 7p  Trustees mtg
7:30p  Admin Board mtg
Thurs 10a  Shack Study

Upcoming Events

10/20  Laity Sunday
10/22  Deadline for Hurricane supply collection to be taken to drop off location
10/26  Fall Swiss Steak Dinner
10/29  7p  Unanswered study starts
10/31  6p-8p  Trick or Treat on the circle
11/3  All Saint's Sunday
11/17  Christmas Shoeboxes due
11/25  7p  Community Thanksgiving Service at Remsen Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Sunday – We will be giving Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders on Oct. 20, if your child is in 3rd grade or 4th grade (and didn’t receive one last year) please contact the office, Nancy Baldwin, or Pastor Jane.

Swiss steak dinner – A donation sheet is posted for helpers and donations for our Swiss Steak dinner. Sign up to help or bring a friend and have a great hearty fall meal and support the missions of Sharon Center UMC!

Sharon Center UMC Fall Swiss Steak Dinner
Location: Sharon Center UMC, 6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281
Meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, beverage, dessert
Cost: Adults: $9, Children: $5, under 5: free

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to Spaghetti Warehouse 510 S. Main Str. Bdg 33 Akron, OH on Oct. 17, 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 – We will begin collecting candy for our community Trick or Treat night on Oct. 31 from 6p-8p. Wrapped candy can be placed on the back table in the sanctuary. These are needed by Oct. 20. On Oct. 23 we will bag them up, anyone is welcome to help bag candy bags on Oct. 23 at 2p in the conference room at the church. We will also need volunteers to help pass out candy, cook hot dogs, serve hot chocolate, and set up on Oct. 31st from 6p-8p.

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.

Tuesday Night Study - Tuesday evening Bible Studies will start September 17th at 7:00pm  The six-week study, Pray Like This - Living the Lord's Prayer, will be lead by Millie Frambaugh.  All are welcome!  Mark your calendars now.

Thursday Morning Study – Thursday morning study will start Sept. 5 at 10am. We will be studying The Shack. The first week we’ll watch the movie, then have 5 weeks for discussion. The Study is lead by Randy Raw. You do not need to purchase the study guide.

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

Men's Breakfast – Men’s breakfast study group will begin Making of a Man Study, on Oct. 5 at 8am. The first meeting will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and rotate back and forth. 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.