~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER
Prelude
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
from Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony"
Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE
*Opening Hymn
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

*Call to Worship
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!
People: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.
Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.
People: God has poured such wonder into our lives!
Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!
People: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! Amen

*Morning Prayer
For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

Song of Praise
"Come Close" (Psalm 66) Sung by: Children's Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY
Children's Time
"God Provides for Our Needs" 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
Lord's 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
- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 p. 726
- Psalm 66:1-12 p. 534
- 2 Timothy 2:8-15 p. 1101

Message
"Sending Hope and Empowerment" Nancy Vogel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
Moment of Reflection

Offering
"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"
Attributed to Matthaus Greiter

*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.

*Offering Prayer
WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" On Screen

*Benediction
Having opened your hearts to God and received God's healing love, go now into this hurting troubled world with the good news of God's presence and compassion. Amen
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  
Guy & Wanda Quick  
Mary Jane Winters

**This Week**

**Sun** 5p  
Scout mtg

**Mon** 5:30p  
Scout mtg

**Tues** 3:30p  
Scout mtg  
7p  
Pray Like This study

**Weds** 3:30p  
Scout mtg

**Thurs** 10a  
Shack Study  
7p  
Choir practice

**Upcoming Events**

10/20  
Lalty Sunday  
Bible 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.

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

**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.