

~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude

“When a Child Is Born”

By: Zacar

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH No. 220

*Call to Worship

Leader: How magnificent is all creation!

People: God’s love is poured throughout all God has created.

Leader: God’s love is poured out upon us each day.

People: Praise be to God!

Leader: Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

People: Let all the people praise God! Amen

*Morning Prayer

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus’ birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Song of Praise

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

by Linda Scholes

and "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Played by: Bell Choir

Arr By: Lloyd Larson

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

“What Are You Talking About?”

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

No. 70

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

Isaiah 63:7-9

p. 690

Hebrews 2:10-18

p. 1108

Matthew 2:13-23

p. 890

Message

“What To Do Next”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Reflection

Solo by: Stephen Kinford

Offering

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”

Arr. by Hal Leonard

*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

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH No. 251

*Benediction

May the God of light, love, and mercy be in your hearts and spirits this day. Go in peace and God's peace will go with you. Amen

*Postlude

"Carol Medley"

Various composers

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Nancy Vogel
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore
Lahoski

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
Acolytes

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

December 29, 2019

Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

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2/2		Sub Sandwich Sale		See Nikki F.
2/9		Valentine Care packages for college students deadline		

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Sun	3p	Blue Christmas Service		
Mon	7p	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary	See Millie F.
Tues	7p	Christmas Eve Service		
Weds		Merry Christmas!		
Thurs	10a	Because of Bethlehem Study Conference rm.		See Randy R.
Sun		Bell Choir performs		

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Blue Christmas Service - Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1 The community is invited to a special service on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 PM for a Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance, Healing and Hope in our Sanctuary.

What is Blue Christmas or Longest Night service? There are many moments in our lives when we need comfort. There are tough times when we yearn for comfort and hope. The suffering people who looked for the long-awaited Messiah were given a hope-filled image of God in the writings of Isaiah. It expresses the belief that no matter what happens to us, God will be there to comfort and support us. Christmas can be a time for many when we are in need of that reassurance and comfort.

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Perhaps we are grieving over the loss of a loved one, struggling with illness, or have experienced the loss of a job. We wonder how we will get through the holidays.

Those looking for comfort, hope, wholeness, and renewal joined together for a time of quiet reflection and meaningful words and music. All share in the good news of “God with us: Immanuel!” Join us for this meaningful service. Refreshments follow in the Gathering place.

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