

~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude

"How Great Our Joy"

Arr. by Ric Simenson

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vs. 1, 3) UMH No. 224

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are ready, O Lord, to behold the presence of your spirit among us.

People: Bless our spirits with openness and joy!

Leader: We have come on this journey seeking hope and peace.

People: You, O Lord, have poured your spirit on us!

*Morning Prayer

O Lord, you know the deserts and the parched places in our lives. We seek your healing power. Lead us on this Advent journey to the place of new birth and to the place of our redemption; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath "Centered in Joy"

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 6)

by: Pylypiak Family

UMH #242

Children's Pageant

"The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels"

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

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

*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!*

No. 70

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 53:4-5a

p. 682

Luke 1:46b-55

p. 944

Message

"Changing Perspective"

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

The Questions of Christmas "Mary, Did You Know?"

Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

By: Mary Kay Beall

*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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1, 3)

UMH No. 240

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Arr. by Ken Barker

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Dave Piehl
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
Acolytes

Following the service today we invite you to join us for cake and punch and view the children's gingerbread houses.

We will also have cookies & crafts for sale in Fellowship Hall.

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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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

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Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Sun	Cookie & craft sale immediately following the service in Fellowship hall.		
Mon	5:30p	scout mtg	
	7p	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary see Millie F.
Tues	3:30p	Scout mtg	
Weds	3:30p	Scout mtg	
	6p	Scout mtg	
	6p	Herb Society mtg	
Thurs	10a	Because of Bethlehem Study Conference rm.	See Randy R.
	11:30a	Lunch Bunch	See Nancy V.
	7p	Choir practice	Sanctuary see Millie F.

Upcoming Events

12/22	3p	Blue Christmas Service
12/24	7p	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to *Sereneté*, 538 W. Liberty Str. Medina, OH on Dec. 19, 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!

Cookie & Craft Sale – Cookies & crafts available for sale in Fellowship hall following the service today.

Poinsettia orders – poinsettia orders are due today. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each and can be picked up Christmas Eve or the Sunday after. Please place order forms in offering plate or give to Nancy Baldwin or the office.

Thursday morning study – Is titled *Because of Bethlehem* by: Max Lucado. The Thursday morning study meets at 10am in the Conference Room.

Winter Weather Notice – Please note that if a LEVEL 2 OR LEVEL 3 SNOW EMERGENCY is issued by the Medina County Sheriff's Office, the Church will be closed and there will be no services.

Luminaries - We are in need of 1/2 gallon and gallon clear milk jugs. If you would be willing to save what you have or use, please rinse them out and bring them to church. You can

place them on the counter in the kitchen. We will do the rest! Please help make our church look beautiful this Christmas Eve!

Adopt a Family – Items are due today! If not brought today, please make arrangements with Kathy Shaw.

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.

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.