

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter January/ February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let me first say Happy New Year! As we welcome the new year and a new decade, we thank God for His blessings and the way He has cared for us and for this community of faith. 2019 was a year of growth, seeing new Bible Studies, new music groups, new mission opportunities and new ministry possibilities for the future. God continues to show His deep love for us, compelling us to ask, "What can we do to show the love of God to others?" - not because we have to, but because He first loved us.

For the next few weeks we'll be looking at the practices that "fruitful" congregations are doing to show the love of Jesus to one another, the community and the world. These include radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. And we are good at making excuses for why we aren't – I'm tired, I'm bored, I don't have time, I don't have anything to give, I don't know what to do, no one will listen to me, I'm not important, I'm too young, I'm too old. It's easy to get comfortable with the people in our pew, the songs that we always sing, listening to the Bible read each Sunday and giving \$10 when the plate goes by. But what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? What is He really calling us to do – or to be?

It's my hope that everyone takes the time to read the Bible every day. Daily Bread devotionals, available in the back of the Church, are a great way to get into the Bible. I use an app called YouVersion that has thousands of reading plans, including reading through the Bible in a year and other topical devotionals (if you download it, ask me to be your friend!). I'd love to hear what apps you use and how you stay connected to God.

As we continue in our season of Epiphany and Ordinary time, let's reach out in our community and invite others to join us on this journey, with hospitality, service and generosity.

"When prayer becomes habit, miracles become your lifestyle."

Walking by faith,

*Pastor Jane*



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## Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

*If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!*

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# A Note from the Choir Director

Bell Choir practice will resume on March 2 at 7pm and be every Monday evening. They will play on April 19.  
 Adult Choir practice will resume on Jan. 23 at 7pm and be every Thursday evening.  
 Children's choir will practice on the first Sunday of the month and perform on the second Sunday of the Month.

~ Millie Frambaugh



All Church Meeting following the service on January 26. This will be a Cookie Sunday so that everyone's stomach won't growl during the meeting.



We will have our Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread supper at 6:15p followed by the service at 7p. On February 26  
 A Sign up sheet is posted at the back of the sanctuary for food donations.



Every Wednesday during Lent the church will be open from 7p to 8p for individual personal prayer time. Music will play quietly; candles will be lit, and a prayer station will be available to facilitate quiet time. March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8. All are welcome.

## Mark your calendars for our Easter Week Schedule:

|                               |          |         |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Palm Sunday                   | April 5  | 10:30am |
| Maundy Thursday Service       | April 9  | 7pm     |
| Good Friday Service           | April 10 | 7pm     |
| Easter Sunday Sunrise Service | April 12 | 7am     |
| Easter Breakfast              |          | 8:30am  |
| Traditional Easter Service    |          | 10:30am |

# Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 9a Adult Sunday School  
 10:30a Worship

## January

21st 7p Grace Study  
 23rd 10a Bethlehem Study  
 7p Choir Practice  
 26th 11:30a All Church mtg  
 Sub Sale Order Deadline  
 28th 7p Grace Study  
 30th 10a The Way Study

## February

1st 8a Men's Breakfast  
 10a Book Club  
 2nd 10:30a Children's Choir Practice  
 4p Sparks mtg  
 Sub Sandwich pick up  
 4th 7p Grace Study  
 5th 1p Worship Cte mtg  
 6th 10a The Way Study  
 7p Choir Practice  
 9th Children's Choir performs  
 11th 7p Grace Study  
 13th 10a The Way Study  
 7p Choir Practice  
 18th 7p Grace Study  
 20th 10a The Way Study  
 11:30a Lunch Bunch  
 7p Choir Practice  
 26th 6:15p Soup Supper  
 7p Ash Wednesday  
 Service  
 27th 10a The Way Study  
 7p Choir Practice

## January Birthdays

- 1 - Fred Coblentz
- 7 - Bob Mravetz
- 11 - Doug Williams  
Ann Passmore
- 16 - Joe Hege Jr.
- 20 - Dora Barnes  
Aimee Brosch  
Chad Lahoski  
Phyllis Flaugh
- 23 - Steve Farkas
- 24 - Millie Frambaugh
- 31 - Bill Baldwin  
Edilene Coblentz  
Randy Raw

## January Anniversaries

- 7 - Pat & Art Shick
- 15- Andy & Deanna Pylypiak
- 17 - Scott & Nikki Danko

## February Birthdays

- 3 - Shirley Graham
- 5 - Amy Falconer
- 10 - Christine Boche  
Hannah Phelps
- 12 - Sara Hoose  
Dave Russell
- 15 - Pastor Jane Piehl
- 18 - Sharon Fox  
Nicole Fox  
Connor Haddix
- 20 - Terri Smith
- 22 - Jen Owens
- 23 - Julia Mazur  
Kerry Cline
- 28 - Eileen Smith

## Lunch Bunch

Feb. 20 Valley Cafe  
11:30a 101 High Street Wadsworth, OH

Mar. 19 Dominic's Italian Restaurant  
11:30a 221 S. Jefferson Str. Medina, OH

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 if you wish!

~ Nancy Vogel

## Foundations Team

### Adult Sunday School

On February 2nd the Adult Sunday School will start a study entitled The Gospel of John by Matt Williams. The study will be led by Pastor Jane. We meet in the Conference Room at 9:00am each Sunday morning. Please join us to study the word of God.

### Spiritual Growth Discussions

A reminder to all that Tuesday, January 14, the evening Bible Study will be discussing *Grace is Greater* by Kyle Idleman. This is a six-week study that will help you understand and experience the grace of God. Rev Philip Raynes will facilitate the study. The study starts at 7pm in the Conference Room.

On Tues. Feb. 25th the next six-week study on Tuesday evenings will be The Easter Experience - what if what happened then changes everything now? Please join us for this important study. Pastor Jane will facilitate this study.

~ Nancy Vogel

The Thursday morning Study will begin *The Way* by: Adam Hamilton on Jan. 30 at 10am in the Conference Room. The study will last for 6 weeks.

On Thursday March 12, we will begin *He Chose the Nails* by: Max Lucado. The study will last for 6 weeks.

# Sparks



Mark your calendar for February 2 and join the Sparks for games! We will have different kinds of games for everyone to participate so all kids are welcome to join us! We will meet at the church from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

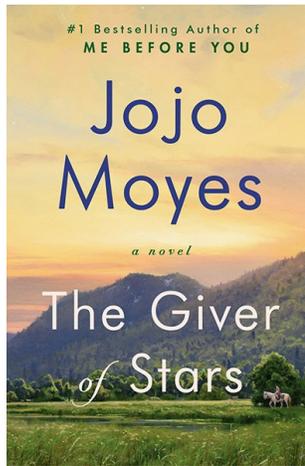
## Book Club

February 1st

### **The Giver of Stars: A Novel**

by Jojo Moyes

Alice signs on to be part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library in Kentucky. Please join us as we discussing this unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity, and passion. This is based on a true story rooted in America's past



March 7th

the discussion will be on a historical fiction novel

### **My Antonia**

by Willa S Cather.

The story published in 1918 is about a Virginia orphan boy and a Bohemian immigrant girl who are pioneers in Nebraska toward the end of the 19th century.

The Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10am except for weeks with holidays when it meets the second Saturday of the month. Feel free to join us and bring a friend if you wish.

~Nancy Vogel

## Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday for Sharon Center UMC is March 8, 2020. On February 12, 1920, the Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America started a formal partnership. We are grateful to be in ministry together with them for 100 years. Many things have changed in those 100 years, but the Scout values remain the same. The commitment of the church to grow youth with values remains as well. We will also recognize young women in service through the Girl Scout organization. Opening the door for leading in service, sharing in recognitions and awards, and spending time worshipping together is one of the best ways to show the love of God for young men and women. Our Partnership with Girl Scouts is strong and growing. We support and empower girls in faith and skill. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform and participate in the service. See Pastor Jane for a role in the service. We need greeters, readers, ushers, flag bearers. This is also a Cookie Sunday!



To all: Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift that you gave to Dave and me in December! I was overwhelmed by your love and support and I can't express how happy I am to be here sharing this ministry with you. I

love each of you and look forward to walking this journey of life following Jesus, growing and encouraging each other. God bless you, *Jane and Dave*

## Pantry Pick of the Month

January/

February 2020

Bring in any items you would like—canned goods, boxed goods. We are setting a goal to bring in 500 items!



Thank you for your support!

## Men's Group

This year we are using *The Making of a Man* 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. Its 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. There are six sessions and we plan to go until Saturday May 2, with filling in some of the months with community service projects.

Our next meeting will be Saturday Feb. 1, 8-9:30AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

If you want to see what you missed you are welcome to borrow the materials in between meetings. You can also join in at anytime because each session is independent of the others and there are no pre-requisites. .

~ Paul Turner



Toboggan Riding

## Sub Sandwich Sale Order Form

In an effort to prepare the proper amount of food on Feb. 2 we are asking all those who plan on attending to pre-order the type and quantity of sub sandwich desired.

Sandwiches will be served on 7" sub sandwich rolls.

**The following types of sandwiches are available**

### Quantity

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ham
- \_\_\_\_\_ Italian Sub (Ham, Salami & Peperoni)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Breast
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create your own cheese Or Veggie Sub

Please note condiments, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and hot peppers will be available to complete your sandwiches.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the pre-order form.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR RETURN TO OFFICE BY  
JANUARY 26**

Location: Sharon Center UMC Fellowship Hall

When: Feb 2

immediately following service on 2/2

All Subs are by donation. And all donations will support our Sparks Youth Group Outings.



Lunch Bunch Outing



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## Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd.  
Just North of Sharon Center Circle

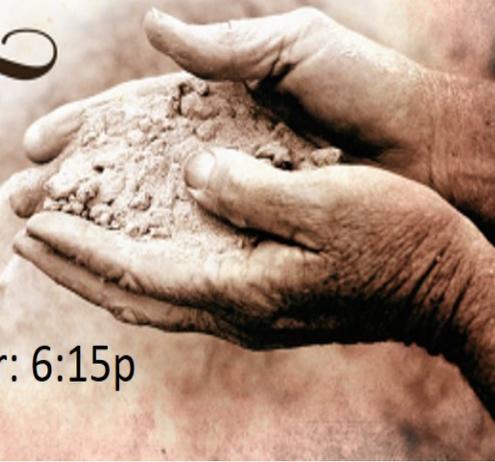
# ASH WEDNESDAY



February 26

Service: 7p

Bread & Soup Supper: 6:15p



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