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
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 6:15pm followed by the service at 7pm. 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 7pm to 8pm 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

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| 11   | Doug Williams  
      | Ann Passmore |
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| 20   | Dora Barnes 
      | Aimee Brosch  
      | Chad Lahoski  
      | Phyllis Flaugh |
| 23   | Steve Farkas |
| 24   | Millie Frambaugh |
| 31   | Bill Baldwin  
      | Edilene Coblentz  
      | Randy Raw |

### January Anniversaries

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| 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 |

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### Lunch Bunch

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| 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 worshiping 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

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<td>Create your own cheese Or Veggie Sub</td>
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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.
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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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a