~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude
“As with Gladness Men of Old”
Arr. By: Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE
*Opening Hymn
“Fairest Lord Jesus” UMH No. 189

*Call to Worship
Leader: Give to the Lord, O sons of the powerful.
People: Give to the Lord the honor that belongs to Him. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holy living.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is great.
Leader: The Lord sat as King over the flood. The Lord sits as King forever.
ALL: The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will give His people peace.

*Morning Prayer
Glory be to God the highest. Thank you for the grace that we have found in you. We have gathered here today in the promise that when two or three of us are gathered in your name, you are with us. We have gathered to worship and praise you. May you bless our fellowship, and may we feel your presence within our midst. Bring us the abundance of your blessings until our cup overflows. Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers always. Amen

Song of Praise
“The Lord's Voice” (Psalm 29) Sung by: Children’s Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time
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
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 42:1-9 p. 669
Acts 10:34-43 p. 1014
Matthew 3:13-17 p. 891

Message
“A Different Kind of Greeting” Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering
“God of Wonders”
By: Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

*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

*Benediction
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Closing Hymn
“Spirit Song” UMH No. 347
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  Richard Lewis  Guy & Wanda Quick  Mary Jane Winters

This Week
Sun  2p  Sparks & guests to Tobogganing in Strongsville
      5p  Scout mtg
Mon  5:30p  No bells practice
      7p  Newsletter item deadline
Tues  7p  Grace is Greater Study  Conference rm  See Nancy V.
Weds  3:30p  Scout trp mtg
       6p  Scout trp mtg
       6p  Herb Society mtg
Thurs  11:30a  Lunch Bunch to Dewey’s Pizza
           No Choir practice

Upcoming Events
1/26  All church meeting following service.
      Sub Sale orders due, limited extra subs day of
2/2  Sub Sandwich Sale  See Nikki F.
2/9  Valentine Care packages for college students deadline

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to Dewey’s Pizza, 3265 Fairlawn, OH on Jan. 16, 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!

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.

Sub Sandwich Sale – Our Annual Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sandwich Sale will be Feb. 2. Order forms are available. All subs are by donation and this year’s donations will go to supporting our Sparks Youth Group activities.

Valentine Care packages for college students – Let the office know of college students and addresses by Feb. 2. We would also like to treat with a box any of our church family that are currently deployed/ training military members, please let the office know their names and addresses. Deadline for treats and goodies collection is Feb. 9.

Tuesday evening study – We will start discussing Grace is Greater by Kyle Idleman on Jan. 14 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

Sparks - On Sunday, January 12, 2020 the Sparks and families from Sharon Center United Methodist Church will travel to The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation, 16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville to experience the ICY THRILL of tobogganing the 700-foot refrigerated ice chutes! We will meet up at the church at 2 PM. Youth attending without a parent must have a permission form completed before we leave. Requirements are that you wear gloves and be at least 42” tall. The cost is $10 per child and $12 per adult with scholarships available so that everyone can participate. We will return to the church by 5 PM. Paul Turner will be bringing his camp stove for making hot chocolate and snacks. We will need all kids to RSVP so that we make sure we have enough adults. All are welcome to participate in this SPARKS ADVENTURE! See Pastor Jane for Permission Forms and Scholarships. (330) 321-4700 or janepiehl@gmail.com.

Cookie Sundays Sign up and Greeter Sign up sheets are posted for 2020.

All Church meeting – On Sun. Jan 26, immediately following the service we will have an all church meeting.