~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude  "I Lift My Eyes Up" with "How Firm a Foundation"
Arr. By: Carol Tournquist

Welcome & Announcements
* Greeting

WE PRAISE

* Opening Hymn  "The Church's One Foundation"  UMH No. 545

* Call to Worship (From Psalm 27)
Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!
People: Why should we be afraid?
Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!
People: What have we to fear?
Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!
All: Let us sing and make music before our God.

* Morning Prayer
O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

Song of Praise  "How Great Is Our God"  Sung by: Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time  "It All Depends... on Jesus"  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
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 9:1-4  p. 638
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  p. 512
Matthew 4:12-23  p. 891

Message  "Intention Faith Development"  Pastor Jane Piehl
Practices of Fruitful Congregations

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering  "Credo"  By: Franz Joseph Haydn
*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  "O Jesus, I Have Promised"  UMH No. 396

*Benediction
Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God’s love. Go forth and shine with God’s light! May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love.

* Postlude  "They’ll Know We Are Christians " with "Blest Be the Tie"
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* Indicates congregation to stand
Reminder… Stick around for a brief all church meeting following the service. Grab a cookie and have a seat.

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
Norma Bates  Mary Jane Winters

This Week
Sun  All Church meeting immediately following the service
     Sub Sale orders due, limited extra subs day of
Tues 7p  Grace is Greater Study  Conference rm  See Nancy V.
Thurs 10a  The Way Study  Conference rm  See Randy R.
           7p  Choir practice  See Millie F.
Sat  8a  Men's Breakfast  See Paul T.
       10a  Book Club  See Nancy V.

Upcoming Events
2/2  Sub Sandwich Sale  See Nikki F.
     Sparks mtg  See Pastor Jane
2/9  Valentine Care packages for college students deadline
     A/V meeting  Conference rm  See Pastor Jane
2/25  The Easter Experience Study Starts
2/26  6:15/ 7p  Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service
3/4-4/1 7p-8p  Church open during Lent for quiet time
3/8  Scout/ 4H Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pick up tax form envelope at back of sanctuary.

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

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

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to Valley Cafe, 101 High Street, OH on Feb. 20, 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.

Valentine Care packages for college students and active duty military – Let the office know of college students or active duty military and addresses by Feb. 2. 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.
We will start discussing The Easter Experience on Feb. 25 at 7pm in the Conference Room for 6 weeks.

Thursday morning study – We will start discussing The Way by Adam Hamilton on Jan. 30 at 10am in the Conference Room.

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 4-6PM in Fellowship Hall.

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

Africa University Donations – Please make note on offering envelope or check for Africa University Donations.