

# ~ Welcome ~

## WE GATHER

Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
*Arr. By: Cindy Berry*

Welcome & Announcements  
\*Greeting

## WE PRAISE

\*Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH No. 98

\*Call to Worship

\*RESPONSE (Sung by the Children's Choir): "My Help (Psalm 121)"

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

\*RESPONSE

Leader: The Lord watches over you-- the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**People: the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

\*RESPONSE

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life;

**People: the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

\*RESPONSE (Sung by entire congregation)

\*Morning Prayer

**God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Song of Praise "On My Honor" Sung by: Children's Choir & Scouts

## WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time "Giving Him Your Best" Millie Frambaugh  
*At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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	Genesis 12:1-4a	p. 12
	Psalm 121	p. 571
	John 3:1-17	p. 979

Message "Nick at Night" Pastor Jane Piehl

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering "You Are My All in All"  
*Arr. By: Carol Tournquist*

\*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 "Freely, Freely" UMH No. 389

**\*Benediction**

*As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God's blessing.*

**\*Postlude**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

*Arr. By: Carol Tornquist*

\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl	Pastor
Millie Frambaugh	Music Director
Scouts	Lay Speaker
Scouts	Greeters
Scouts	Acolytes

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**Scout Participants:**

Jacob Auerbach	Clayton Kundmueller	Jacob Melvin
Joshua Auerbach	Brock Patterson	Tanner Vandegrift
Evan Lautenschleger	Chad Lahoski	
Chloe Falconer	MayKenzie Lahoski	Celia Pylypiak
Coraline Falconer	Danielle Lahoski	Grace Pylypiak

**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.

[www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org)

**SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Worship Service: 10:30am  
Church Office: (330) 239-1616  
SharonCenterUMCSecretary@gmail.com  
Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

March 8, 2020  
Pastor Jane Piehl  
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# Prayer List

Dora Barnes  
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick  
Mary Jane Winters

## This Week

Sun	2p	Sparks mtg at Wolf Creek Environmental Center	
	5p	Scout mtg	
Mon	5:30p	Scout mtg	
	7p	Bells Practice	See Millie F.
Tues	7p	Easter Experience Study	Conference rm See Nancy V.
Weds	7p	Leadership Board mtg	Conference rm See Elaine M.
	7p	Church open for silent prayer	
Thurs	10a	He Chose the Nails Study	Conference rm See Randy R.

## Upcoming Events

3/4-4/1	7p-8p	Church open during Lent for quiet time
4/14	7p	Counter Culture Study Starts
6/14-6/18		Annual Conference
6/22-6/26		VBS at St. Paul's
Easter Week Service Schedule:		
4/5	10:30a	Palm Sunday
4/9	7p	Maundy Thursday Service
4/10	7p	Good Friday Service
4/12	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
	8:30a	Easter Breakfast at Sharon Center UMC
	10:30a	Easter Traditional Service at Sharon Center UMC

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Directory Updates** – There is a directory on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please review your information. There are blank directory forms sitting on table if you need to update or provide your info. Please return them to the office or leave on the table for pick up.

**Sparks** will meet on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM at Wolf Creek Environmental Center, 6100 Ridge Road, for an outdoor hike, snacks and fellowship. Kid of ALL AGES are welcome to join us as we enjoy some Spring weather.

**Lunch Bunch** – Lunch Bunch will be going to *Dominic's Italian Restaurant*, 221 S. Jefferson Street, Medina, OH on Mar. 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!

**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.

**Tuesday evening study** – We will start discussing *The Easter Experience* on Feb. 25 at 7pm in the

Conference Room for 6 weeks. Based on the movie study *The Easter Experience*, this devotional will leave you thinking Easter changes everything. Themes include redemption, forgiveness, compassion, and love.

**Thursday morning study** – On March 12 at 10am we will begin the study *He Chose the Nails*. It will take place in the Conference Room. *He Chose the Nails* is a book about understanding why Jesus chose the nails and God's love for us.

**Vacation Bible School 2020** – Mark your calendars for VBS June 22-26 from 5:30p-8:30p! Our theme this year is the Rocky Railway! So climb aboard!

**Youth Summer Camp 2020** - information packs are available at the back for Summer Camp programs.

**Prayer Labyrinth Eagle Scout Project** – Evan Lautenschleger, a member of Boy Scout Troop 511 out of Granger, a junior at Highland High School, and member of Sharon Center UMC will be constructing his Eagle Scout project at Sharon Center UMC which will be a Prayer Labyrinth. There will be a diagram of the labyrinth in the gathering room. This will be constructed behind the church, the completion goal is this spring. Any donation that you are able to make to help me accomplish this Eagle Scout project would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to Sharon Center UMC and placed in the envelopes marked Prayer Labyrinth. *Thank You, Evan Lautenschleger.*

**Online Giving Now Available** - If you'd like to give your offering or tithe online, please go to [www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org) and click on the "giving" tab. You can give directly from your checking account or by credit card, with a place for a note about what you'd like to support, or leave it blank and it will be placed into the general fund. It's easy, convenient and secure. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

**March Mission of the month is LOVE INC** (Love In The Name Of Christ). Love INC is supported by Sharon Center United Methodist Church and we are a part of the network of churches in Medina County that provides a helping hand to those in need. Check out the website at [www.loveinmedina.org](http://www.loveinmedina.org).

This month we will be collecting essential kitchen household items for families and individuals who obtain housing due to a homeless situation, domestic violence or other financial insecurity. These families or individuals are starting their new lives without any of the essentials that make a house a home! We are asking for gently used kitchen essentials to distribute to those in need.

Here's a list of what's in a "starter kit": Gently used pots and pans, glasses, serving utensils, mixing bowls, silverware for four, bakeware, dishes for four. Please bring to the church and place on the table in the back and we will assemble into kits for donation at the end of the month. Here's a great opportunity clean out your cupboards and help those in need too!

**Save the Date:** Madeline McLaughlin presents "Enneagram 101" a one day workshop on using this ancient spiritual practice for self awareness on Saturday, April 18 from 9 to 4. Cost is \$15 and is limited to 30 people. More information to come.