Welcome

WE GATHER

"Like a River Glorious"
Arr. By: Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH No. 127

*Call to Worship
Leader: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

Leader: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

People: We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

*Morning Prayer
Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life.

Amen.

Song of Praise
"The Well" Solo by: Elaine Mravetz

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time
"Building a Model Life" 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

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
Exodus 17:1-7 p. 68
Romans 5:1-11 p. 1040
John 4:5-30, 39-42 p. 980-1

Message
"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?" Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering
"Nothing but the Blood"
By: Robert Lowery

*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
"Healing Rain" On Screen

*Benediction
We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.
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

Mon 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.
Thurs 7p  Church open for silent prayer
Thurs 10a  He Chose the Nails Study  Conference rm  See Randy R.
11:30a  Lunch Bunch
7p  Choir Practice  See Millie F.

Upcoming Events

3/4-4/1 7p-8p  Church open during Lent for quiet time
4/5  Easter Flower order deadline
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  7p  Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
8:30a  Easter Breakfast at Sharon Center UMC
10:30a  Easter Traditional Service at Sharon Center UMC

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 the table if you need to update or provide your prayer request. Please return them to the office or leave on the table for pick up.

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!

Easter Flower orders – Our Easter Flower orders are out. Inserts are in the bulletin and on back counter. They will be due April 5. They will be available to take home on Easter Sunday.

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 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.loveincmedina.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 is 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.