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Revelation Weekly
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, Ordinary Time

**The Word is near you**

I started a new part-time job this week as a Hospice Chaplain with Grace Hospice in Akron. I continue serving as your part-time Pastor and I see my ministry growing to include more people in all stages of life. Whether I am leading a group, counseling a patient or bringing a message, I always want the Word of God to be close by. Romans 10:8 says, “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart.” This is not a new idea – it comes from Deuteronomy 30:14 which says, “No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.” Moses said it in Deuteronomy, and Paul reminds us of what is true in Romans. For me, I try to always have a Bible nearby, and memorize verses so that I always have one in mind. I read it, meditate on it, put it on the walls and on post-it notes, listen to it read and study it in a community of believers. How are you keeping the Word of God near you?

**Friday news:** The Scripture reading from the Lectionary for 8/9/2020:

**Tentative Schedule for the week will be:**
- **Sunday:** Worship online on YouTube at 10:30 AM and Outside of the Church from the Front Porch at 10:30 AM. Bring your own chair, sanitize your hands, wear your mask and stay 6’ apart on the front lawn of the church. If it rains, this service will be cancelled.
- **Wednesday:** Live Facebook Prayer Time 6:30 PM. Send Prayer Requests for the Prayer Wall to Pastor Jane, janepiehl@gmail.com.

**When are we going to be back to worshipping in person?** We will continue to meet outside with a shorter Porch Prayer and Praise Service in front of the church with 6’ distance between each family group. Masks are required. The Church will not be open. If you cannot wear a mask or are vulnerable to COVID19, please stay home. Our regular Worship Service will be available on YouTube in addition to the Front Porch Worship. Remember that you can give online at www.sharoncenterumc.org.

Depending on the level of COVID outbreak we will decide each week about whether to continue with in person Worship or not. We will not be opening our building at this time. If we find that we are not able to Worship safely we will discontinue in-person. Virtual Worship will remain in place no matter what, thanks to the hard work of Ken Ullery.

**August Sunday Message Theme** is MOTIVATION – Why do we do the things we do? We’ll be looking at some of Jesus’ miracles and ask the question “What does Jesus’ miracles mean for us today?”

**Weekly Message Available At**
www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ootp4XcTu6w
Sundays, 10:30AM
**Missions Moment: BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** Please place your donations in the tub at rear entrance or bring to Porch Praise Service. Signup sheets are available on our website http://www.sharoncenterumc.org/sign-up/?sheet_id=10 or call the office. Our school supplies will help families and kids in Highland School District. Nothing boosts a kid’s confidence at the beginning of a school year like new supplies – especially right now. Let’s be the hands and feet of Christ!

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** We will be blessing the backpacks and brief cases for the beginning of a new school year. We won’t be bringing them forward to the altar as we have in the past, but we will ask you to lift it high over your head wherever you are and we will pray together that God will keep you safe and healthy while you learn reading, math, science and all the things. We will pray for teachers, administrators and educational support staff too. Right now, the start of school for Highland is September 14, with other schools in the area still figuring out the details of the start of school. We will set a date as soon as we have better information. We will have special blessing tags for everyone too. More information to follow.

**Our Daily Breads:** Our Daily Breads for Sept/Oct/Nov have arrived. Pick up at a porch service, during the week in from the church or let us know and we can put one in the side mailbox at the church.

That’s all the news we have today. God bless you, stay safe and give thanks!