

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter September 2018

Hello My Beautiful Rebels,

Did you know that you were a rebel? If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you most certainly are a rebel. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, living our lives in contrast to the culture that surrounds us. If you follow Jesus, you know that people look at you funny when you are honest, follow the rules, give to the poor, care for the sick, and are thankful in all things. We are counter-cultural! But God didn't leave us alone to face the enemy – He promised to be with us always, and He gave us each other in this Community of Faith to raise each other up, encourage and pray for one another. Praise God!

We are excited to finally have our new building addition officially launched and open, a welcoming space for old and new friends. It's quite remarkable that we continue to be debt-free and increasing our outreach to the community and across the world. God is blessing us as are obedient and as we serve Him! May we use what God has given us to continue to bless everyone who enters this place and empower them to reach others with the good news!

The Lectionary (what we use to decide what Scriptures to study each week) is taking us through the book of James in the month of September. The book of James stands by itself as a no-nonsense, practical book on the "how to" of the Christian life. There isn't a lot of "fluff" or mystery in it, just practical advice on how to live the way that God has called us to be disciples. Our faith isn't something we hide in a closet or only practice on Sunday – it is to be expressed outwardly, helping us with our relationships and reaching out to those in need. What a great reason to invite everyone to BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY on September 16 at 10:30 AM! If you've been gone for the summer, we welcome you back – and if you are thinking about a new church home, we welcome you to join us!

We'll be working our way through the short book of James in September, learning that faith isn't something we keep to ourselves but it's what helps us to challenge a culture that doesn't really understand us all.

Pray for one another, find a Bible Study, and a way to serve others. That's discipleship.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jane



Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!

**THE BOOK
OF JAMES**
A BLUEPRINT FOR
MAKING FAITH WORK

A Note from the Choir Director

Adult Choir: Our adult choir will begin their rehearsals starting Thursday, Aug. 30 at 7pm. Rehearsals last approximately one hour. Anyone in high school on up is invited to join us...no experience necessary!! If you love to sing and share in a time of fellowship with others, this is the place for you to serve God! We sing during the morning worship services on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. However, since September is a five Sunday month this year, we will be singing for the services beginning on the second Sunday (Sept. 9). Please consider joining us! If you have any questions, call Millie at (330) 239-2023.

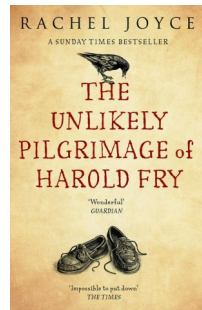
Children's Choir: Our children's choir will begin singing this fall for the morning worship services on Sept. 16, Back-to-Church Sunday!! They will once again rehearse on the first Sunday of the month during their Sunday School time (during morning worship) and sing on the second Sunday of each month. Anyone involved in children's Sunday School is invited to join us! Again, no experience necessary! Parents, mark your calendars and help your children to serve God in this way! We'd love to hear lots of children singing praise to God! Questions??? Call Millie at (330) 239-2023.

Bell Choir: We are looking for 1 more person to be a part of Bell Choir then we will start practicing! Contact Millie if interested!
~ Millie Frambaugh

Book Club

Sept. 8, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
by: Rachel Joyce

Harold Fry is recently retired and gets a letter from a woman he knew 20 years ago who is currently in Hospice. Harold is determined to walk 600 miles to give his response in person. I am anxious to read this book to find out what Harold's wife, Maureen, thinks about this and to find out if Harold makes it to the Hospice before the woman dies.



Oct. 6th, *The Haunting of Hill House* by: Shirley Jackson

In 1959 this book was described as "a perfect work of unnerving terror". Four individuals go to Hill House to see if ghosts are actually present. What happens to them??? We will only know by reading this 182-page book!

~Nancy Vogel

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Fall Swiss Steak Dinner!

Date: Oct. 27

Time: 4p-7p.

Location: Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281

Meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread, dessert, beverage.

A donation and helper sheet will be out this month.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 9a Adult Sunday School
10:30a Worship

September

2nd		Children's Choir Practices
4th	10:30a	Prayer Shawl mtg
5th	6p	Scout mtg
6th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
8th	8:30a	Men's Bible Study mtg
	10a	Book Club
9th		Adult Choir Sings
	5p	Scout mtg
12th	6/6:45p	All Church mtg & Potluck
13th	7p	Adult Choir Practice
15th		Funeral
16th		Back To Church Sunday
		Children's Choir Sings
18th	7p	Trustee's mtg
19th	6p	Herb Society mtg
	6p	Scout mtg
20th	11:30a	Lunch Bunch
	6p	SPRC Consultation
	7p	Adult Choir Practice
27th	7p	Adult Choir Practice

October

27th 4-7p Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

August Birthdays

28 - Lane Cline

31 - Janet Renner
Zack Courtright
Warren Geitgey

September Birthdays

2 - David Kersten

4 - Julianne Williams
Sherri Buck
Jill Cline

6 - Gary Smith

9 - Nikki Danko

10 - Nick Courtright

12 - Mark Shick
Jacob Russell

13 - Charlene Baker

14 - Sue Kelly

17 - Kennedy Breese

19 - Mya Chappell

20 - Kenzee Danko

22 - Isaac Highman
Coraline Falconer

23 - Elise Lautenschleger

26 - Evan Lautenschleger
Dick Lewis
Rachel Nelson

September Anniversaries

3 - Warren & Jean Geitgey

6 - Jim & Janice Jones

10 - Pastor Jane & Dave Piehl

15 - Harry & Cindy Courtright

19 - Kerry & Jill Cline

23 - Lloyd & Pattie Fiste

25 - Joe & Aimee Brosch

Lunch Bunch

Sept. 20
11:30a

El Patrone
101 Greenwich Rd. Seville, OH

Oct. 18
11:30a

Brew Garden
16555 Southpark Center, Strongsville, OH

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 if you wish!

All people are invited to attend the Lunch Bunch. A sign up sheet is available at the church so that the restaurant knows how many are coming. Please join us!

~ Nancy Vogel

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

We will hold a planning meeting on Sept. 8 at 8:30 to look at material for Men's Breakfast Study this fall and winter. We will begin the Study on Oct. 6 at 8:30a.

~ Paul Turner

Foundations Team

Adult Sunday School

A group of Adults meet at 9:00am each Sunday to study God's word. Pastor Jane Piehl leads these sessions. We are using videos and lessons by Ray Vander Laan where we can experience the Bible in its historical context. Please join us! We are currently studying the Early Church.

The next study will begin on or about September 16th. It will be on The Dust of the Rabbi. An ancient Jewish proverb says, "Follow a Rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet". Are you ready to be covered by the dust of our Rabbi, Jesus?

Movie Nights

The movie nights for the summer are over but you can mark your calendars for the next ones that are planned for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 and Feb. 26, 2019. Perhaps you do not have your 2019 calendar yet, no worry, I will remind you again later.

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Mark your calendars now for the study that will start on Tuesday, September 11th in the Church Conference Room. For six weeks we will study The Prophets. In this study we will become acquainted with the Prophets: Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah. The sessions will run from 7:00pm – 8:15pm and will be coordinated by Stephen Kinford.

On October 23rd we will begin a four-week study Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living.

~ Nancy Vogel

All Church Meeting

ATTENTION: All Church Meeting: Using Our Gifts

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 12. Pot Luck Dinner at 6pm., followed by All Church Meeting at 6:45pm.

WHERE: Pot Luck Dinner and meeting to be held in Sharon Center UMC Fellowship Hall

WHAT: Building on our last All Church Meeting, enjoy a meal and Fellowship with our Sharon Center UMC family, then meet to celebrate how we have served in missions and projects since May, get an update on the current financial health of our church, and discuss fall plans to use our financial and spiritual gifts by maintaining a solid "three legged stool" at Sharon Center UMC in Service (mission and outreach), Spirituality (intentional discipleship), and Prayer while we seek to make and strengthen disciples of Christ.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting, as we seek opportunities for us as a church family to use our gifts and more fully live our mission!

Thank You, and Blessings,

Sharon Center UMC Admin Board:

Elaine Mravetz, Chair; Pastor Jane, Charlie Tramel, Eunice Merritt, Bill Baldwin, Dan Farnsworth

Pantry Pick of the Month:

For the month of September, we are stocking the Food Pantry with jelly! Just bring a jar or jars to church some time this September and we'll stock up!

Each month we'll feature a different staple item and help to feed our neighbors through the St. Paul Pantry.

Matthew 25:40 New International Version (NIV) 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Love Inc Banquet

Fundraiser Banquet. Fri. Sept 7, 7p-9p. Location: Northside Christian Church. Contact Pastor Jane if interested in attending.

A Note from Trustees:

Finally, the renovation and building addition has come to a close. The first discussions of the need to replace the previous church lift goes back to 2015. Shortly after receiving the \$100,000 donation from the Hillier Foundation, I wrote in a previous issue of The REVELATIONS that as "God closes a door, he opens a window."

On Sunday, August 26, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held dedicating our new addition. Those attending this gathering will be able to see the light provided by the new windows God has given us. PRAISE THE LORD!

A note of thanks is extended to the SCUMC congregation, the trustees, Kevin Robinette, architect, Classical Construction, Hillier Foundation, Pastor Jane Piehl and so many others who contributed their time and money to this grand endeavor.

The original quotation for the above work was \$185,400. The project which is now complete actually cost \$210,639.14 and was approved by the Administrative Board on August 8, 2018.

A more recent task completed by the trustees relates to the church steeple. Two ceiling leaks were found this spring. One leak was in the ceiling above the balcony and one in the large classroom upstairs. On Friday, August 10, 2018, the Gridiron Roof Company brought in a crane to repair and replace the caulking around the flashing of the steeple. They will only charge us for expenses. Also, no recent bat activities were found. Trustees Randy Raw and George Wemmer led this project.

We also hope the congregation likes the new paint work recently completed in the Fellowship Hall. This project was led by Trustee Scott Danko. Most of this work of removing wallpaper and painting was done by trustees, and Dave Piehl, Bob Mravetz, and Nancy Baldwin. We appreciate all of their help.

As always, please contact your trustees if you are aware of any building concerns.

Blessings to all,
Richard Frost
Trustee Chair

Youth Confirmation class

Any youth in grades 7 or higher interested in Confirmation Class please contact Pastor Jane or the office.

Photo Gallery



Church Picnic



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY[®]

Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281

Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:30am



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