

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

November 2018

Dear Forever Family,

I've never been very good at waiting.

As a young girl, I climbed the sliding board ladder behind my little brother. When we arrived at the top, my brother decided to sit and not slide down right away. I stood behind him waiting, and when I could bear it no further, I bit him on the shoulder, and I bit him hard. Looking back, this was silly, because it didn't make him go down any faster. In fact, it caused him to stop altogether. I just couldn't bear to wait for him to slide down. In my mind, biting him would speed things up.

I really dislike lines at the grocery store, lines at Cedar Point, lines at the DVM, lines of any kind. They feel like a waste of time. I could be doing something more productive, I think to myself. I could be writing a sermon, cleaning out a closet, calling a friend, planning a meeting. I just feel so USELESS.

But waiting has its purposes. God call us to wait on him. He knows the best use of our time. Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I don't know about soaring like eagles, but I could sure use a dose of "not growing weary". My pride and self-centeredness make it all about me, and I begin to realize that's why I'm not very patient. I need an attitude adjustment.

We are waiting on the Lord right now as a community of faith for an answer to prayer. We are praying every day at 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM for God to give us a fresh vision of the new possibilities for living out our faith in a new season. How long will it take for God to reveal the answer? We need to pray and wait, and when we are ready to hear, God will make his perfect will known.

In the meantime, we will practice "ACTIVE WAITING". We will pray, and continue to serve our community locally through the Food Pantry, the Highland Support Network and Children's Services; we will continue to serve our neighbors around the world through Operation Christmas Child and United Methodist Committee on Relief; we will witness to our community through community outreaches like the one on October 31, and the Thanksgiving Community Worship Service; and we will keep our eyes and ears open for what God is calling for us to do next.

As members of Sharon Center United Methodist Church, we are called to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. As we enter a season of gratitude, let's give back to God a portion of what He has given us.

Thanksgiving blessings,

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!



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

A Note from the Choir Director

LOOKING TO TRY OUR CHOIR?

We have a few opportunities for you to join our choir temporarily! First, we will be singing a joint number at our Community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 19. The choir will be singing "Our Grateful Praise!" by Lloyd Larson. This beautiful song includes brass and percussion. We will be learning this piece from 7:00-7:15p during our regular choir rehearsals now through Nov. 15. Second, the choir will be doing a Christmas Cantata on Dec. 23 during the worship service. Entitled "Christ Has Come!", it is our hope that the Christmas story will take on a new sense of celebration as you hear the music and we celebrate the birth of our Savior! We will be learning this piece from 7:15-7:30p during the regular choir rehearsals now through Nov. 15 and from 7:00-7:30p from Nov. 29 through Dec. 20. If you have wanted to be in choir, but don't have the time to commit, it is our hope that you will join us for one (or both!) of these short-term commitments!

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS!!!

We need you! We will be doing a Children's Christmas program for the worship service on Dec. 16. "Sing a Song of Christmas" blends familiar carols with new upbeat songs and narrative parts to tell the story of the Christ child's birth. We will begin learning the music Oct. 7 during the Sunday school session. Watch your bulletins and upcoming newsletters for further rehearsal dates and times!

All Choirs Dates to Remember:

Adult Choir Practice:

Thursdays, 7pm.

Children's Choir Practice:

Nov. 17 from 10a-11:15a and Dec. 15 from 10a-noon

Bell Choir Practices:

Nov. 3, 10, 24 - 9:30-10:30

Dec. 8, 9a-?

Combined Community Thanksgiving Choir Practice:

Nov. 19, 5:30p.

~ Millie Frambaugh

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Stop on by and bring a friend!

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.

Cost is: Adults: \$9, Children 5-12: \$5, under 5: free

The donation and helper sheet is out. Please consider helping at our annual fall dinner!



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

October

27th 4-7p Fall Swiss Steak Dinner
30th 7p 3 Simple Rules Study
31st 6p-8p Community Trick or
Treat on the Circle

November

1st 7p Choir Practice
3rd 8:30a Men's Breakfast Study
9:30a Bell Choir
10a Book Club
4th All Saint's Sunday
6th 10:30a Prayer Shawl Grp
7p 3 Simple Rules Study
8th 7p Choir Practice
10th 9:30a Bell Choir Practice
10:30a Worship Committee mtg
11th Veteran's Day
Operation Christmas
Child Shoebox Deadline
4p Church Conference at
Medina UMC
13th 7p 3 Simple Rules
14th 7:30p Administrative Council mtg
15th 11:30a Lunch Bunch
7p Choir Practice
17th 10a Kid's Pageant practice
18th 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
19th 5:30p Choir Practice
6p Dinner
7p Thanksgiving Service
20th 7p Trustee's mtg
21st 6p Herb Society mtg
24th 9:30a Bell Choir Practice
29th 7p Choir Practice

November Community

10th noon-6p Sharon Fish Fry at
Town Hall

December

12/1 Hanging of the Greens
12/9 Bell Choir Plays
12/15 Cookie & Craft Sale
12/16 Children's Choir Pageant
12/23 Christmas Cantata
12/24 7:30p Christmas Eve Service

November Birthdays

- 1 – Ken Ullery
- 2 - Kathy Hoose
- 3 - Natalie Sewell
- 6 - Matt Mravetz
Cindy Courtright
- 7 - Marge Raw
- 12 - George Hoose
Scott Danko
- 13 - Deanna Russell
Jacqui Russell
- 15 - Daniel Buck
Ellen Ingersoll
- 18 - Nancy Baldwin
- 19 - Chance Farnsworth
Kathy Shaw
Diane Meckes
Dawn Kehres
- 21 - James Sikon
- 26 - Jack Breese

November Anniversaries

- 28 - Phil & Pat Bernhard

Lunch Bunch

Nov. 15
11:30a

Ruby Tuesday's
1001 N. Court Str. Medina, OH

Dec. 20
11:30a

Amuse Euro Bistro
108 Public Square Medina, 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

Foundations Team

Adult Sunday School

A group of Adults meet at 9am 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**. We are currently studying **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? Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions. Following **The Dust of the Rabbi** we will study **Walk As Jesus Walked** a study on "being a disciple in a broken world". This session will start on November 25th.

Movie Nights

Mark you calendars now for the planned **Movie Nights**: Tues, Jan. 8, 2019 and Feb. 26, 2019. Perhaps you do not have you 2019 calendar yet, no worry, I will remind you again later.



Spiritual Growth Discussions

The four-week study **Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living** will conclude on November 13th. We will then start the Advent study, **Down to Earth**. This study is by Mike Slaughter and will cover the miracle that took place with Jesus' birth. The study will be on Tuesday evening, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 starting at 7:00pm.

~ Nancy Vogel

Operation Christmas Child

Once again, we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children around the world. Consider packing a box full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children who are living in poverty and despair. And thank God for the many ways he has blessed your family. Think about what it might be like to be a child who never had a toothbrush, a bar of soap, or even a toy of their own. And pray for the child who might receive your gift.

If you would like to pack a shoe box but don't have time to shop, let us shop for you, or you can build a shoebox gift online.

National Collection Week: November 12 – 19, 2018
Shoeboxes should be placed on the back table by November 11.

~Janet

Emmaus Walk

Interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus? The walks fill up quickly (especially the women's walks) so sign up early!

Brochures and applications are available from Dave or Jane Piehl. Upcoming dates for walks held at Camp Wanake are:

Men's Walk April 4 -7, 2019

Women's Walk April 11 – 14, 2019

Men's Walk October 17 – 20, 2019

Women's Walk October 24 – 27, 2019



Special Thanks

Dear Friends and family of the Sharon Center UMC, Thank you for all of your support, prayers and cards for my Walk To Emmaus. There are no words to describe the Love of Christ felt during the Walk. This walk with Christ was very powerful and positive experience. I recommend this Emmaus walk to all who want to get closer to God.

My Name is Randy Raw, and I completed the East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus Walk #95
Sitting at the Table of St. John

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Men's Breakfast Resumes

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Nov. 3 at 8:30a at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Study is:

Seven Questions That Rattle In the Minds of Most Men by: John Woodall

Sometimes it seems as though everyone wants something from you - your wife, your kids, your boss, and maybe even God. The pressures of manhood can be enormous, and they're only intensified by the mixed messages you receive from culture. *Seven Questions That Rattle in the Minds of Most Men* is a small group experience that enables you to explore God's design for manhood.

Where Am I?

What's My Story?

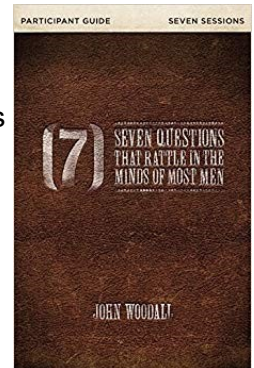
Who Am I?

Why Am I Here?

Where Am I Going?

What About Women?

Who Can I Trust?



We will meet Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6. 8:30AM-10AM. The October meeting will be at Sharon Center and after that we will take turns hosting it with St. Paul's

~ Paul Turner

Pantry Pick of the Month

For the month of November, we are stocking the Food Pantry with STUFFING! Just bring a box or two to church some time this NOVEMBER and we'll stock up! There's nothing like warm stuffing for a holiday dinner to make you feel warm inside!

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

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



Welcome to Our New Acolytes!

Welcome on board to our newest acolyte Chaze Wemmer!

Any youth in 2nd grade or higher is welcome to acolyte just let Nicole Fox know!

Book Club

Nov. 3rd, *Hum if You Don't Know the Words*
by: Blanca Marais

This story takes place during the Apartheid in South Africa. A 10-year old white girl becomes an orphan and is sent to live with a loving but irresponsible aunt. Beauty Mbali a black woman is hired to care for her. Their lives are built on a division of race and their meeting should never have occurred. If you liked the books "The Secret Life of Bees" and "The Help", this book is for you.

Dec. 1st, *Seven Days of Us*

by: Francesca Hornak.

The Birch family meets at their aging country estate for Christmas. It is the first time in years since they have been together. All does not go as planned and tensions come to the surface. This family has a hard time being stranded together for seven days. They do not even have decent Wi-Fi to use!

The Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month except for weeks with holidays when it meets the second Saturday of the month. Feel free to join us and bring a friend if you wish.

~Nancy Vogel

Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendar for Mon. Nov. 19, for our Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. This year Sharon Center United

Methodist will be hosting the event with potluck dinner at 6PM, joint choir rehearsal at 5:30 PM and Worship with Communion at 7PM. Come for all or part of this special evening.



Re-Stock the Kitchen -Wish list

As the church kitchen has been employed in making great meals and desserts for all of those "food" outreach efforts that Sharon Center UMC hosts, there are several items that would be helpful in increasing the efficiency of those working in the kitchen. Those items are:

- Large rubber stoppers for the commercial sinks on the west end of the kitchen (current stoppers do not work well)
- One or more pair of Oven Gloves (small pot holders do not always keep workers from accidental burns from large pans being removed from the oven)
- One or two good basters
- Tongs (the older version double sided ones without the sharp edges that puncture cooking bags and pan or roaster liners)
- One or two bar stools (wood ones for long periods of cutting veggies and other food prep)
- One or two chef anti-fatigue mats
- Small saute pan
- Standard sized pot with lid
- Standard sized fry pan with lid
- Old style door stops (the rubber kind that just fit under the door)

Items can be either donated (if in good shape) or a monetary donation toward any of the above can be given to Nikki for their purchase.

Trick or Treat on Sharon Circle

There will be a Community Outreach on Oct. 31, 2018 from 6 - 8 PM in front of the church. We will have a tent set up and will be grilling hot dogs and giving away hot chocolate and treats. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, cook, pass out food, direct people traffic and clean up. We will be making treat bags again this year so if you are able to donate some snack size candy bars it would be appreciated! Just leave them in the back of the church. We need them by Oct. 27 so we can assemble the bags. Everyone come and join the fun!



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Date: October 27

Time: 4p-7p



Meal: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes,
green beans, applesauce, roll,
beverage, pie



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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