

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter January/ February 2019

Dear Faithful People of God:

I always head in to Advent and Christmas with a bit of anxiousness, and especially so this year with my schedule. How would I get everything done (that I thought had to be done)? Would the worship be meaningful? Would my family enjoy each other's company? Would the weather cooperate with travel? The many unknowns brought me to my favorite place, a place of surrender and prayer. God had it all planned, and it was absolutely the best. I find that happens too often – I worry, and then I surrender and pray, and God in his goodness provides beyond my ability to imagine. My goal in 2019 is to pray and surrender first and skip the worry part.

Have you seen all the AMAZING things that God is doing? We have a brand-new Bible Study starting Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM with the book "When God's Spirit Moves". We are beginning 2019 with three adult studies to pick from! We were able to give Christmas gifts to 10 families through the Highland Support Network this Advent, and we've reached over 100 "likes" on Facebook! We had a packed church for Christmas Eve, complete with luminaries, candles and "Silent Night". I won't list them all here, but let's just know that God is indeed answering our prayers, as we get bolder and bolder in approaching the throne of grace!

As we begin 2019, we'll be focusing on lifting up the gifts in our community (what do we do best?) and work together as one body (we are a team!) with many interconnected parts. This body, then, works as a unit to reach out beyond the walls of the church and bring people to know and receive the love of God. We're continuing to pray every day at 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM for God to open our eyes to our next mission as a Church to fulfill the great commission. God, what do you have for us next? Come Holy Spirit!

Happy New Year!

*Pastor Jane*



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## 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!*

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## A Note from the Choir Director

Many, many thanks to Elaine Mravetz, Stephen Kinford, our Bell Choir (isn't it great to say that again?), our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir for the beautiful, beautiful music provided this past Advent and Christmas Season! Your gifts of music and your willingness to serve the Lord in this way are greatly appreciated by all! Keep making a "Joyful Noise" to the Lord!

Adult Choir rehearsals will take place Thursday, January 3, 17, 31 and February 21 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We will sing in the church service Sunday, January 6, 27 and February 3 and 24 for the 10:30 a.m. service. Come join us!

Children's Choir rehearsals will take place Sunday, January 6 and February 3 during the Sunday School hour. We will sing in the church service Sunday, January 13 and February 10. All school-age children are welcome!

Bell Choir will begin rehearsing again on Saturday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We will choose more rehearsal dates at that time. Anyone interested is welcome to come and take part! We can always use extra "ding-a-lings" and some substitutes as well!

I would like to offer my deep gratitude and appreciation for the many thoughts, prayers and very generous cards and gifts given to me at Christmas. I was greatly surprised by the presentation at church. Please know that you are all loved and I thank each and every one of you! My very wise father always said that if you do something you love, you will never work a day in your life. I may not be the best at what I do, but I do love it and my father was right! What a blessing! Thanks again and I wish you all a very Blessed 2019!

### All Choirs Dates to Remember:

Adult Choir Practice: Thursdays, Jan. 3, 17, 31, Feb. 21, 28. 7pm.

Bell Choir Practice: Feb. 2. 9:30a

Children's Choir Practice: Jan. 6, Feb. 3. During Sunday School

~ Millie Frambaugh

## Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale

We will have our annual Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale on Feb. 3. Subs will be by donation. Toppings will be available on the side. Order form is in the newsletter, in bulletins, and back of sanctuary. Please return order form by Jan. 27. Extras will be available but ordering will give us a more accurate count.

Thanks!

~ Nikki

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

## January

6th Children Choir Practice  
Adult Choir Sings  
8th 7p *Waiting for Butterflies* movie night  
9th 7:30p Admin Board mtg  
10th 10:30a When God's Spirit Moves Study  
12th 10a Worship Committee mtg & decoration take down  
13th Children's Choir sings  
15th 7p Trustee's mtg  
7p *One Faithful Promise* Study  
16th 6p Herb Society mtg  
17th 10:30a Study  
11:30a Lunch Bunch  
7p Choir practice  
22nd 7p Study  
24th 10:30a Study  
25-27 Men's Retreat @ Wanake  
26th 9a-noon Canal District Leadership training  
27th Adult Choir Sings  
Sub Sale Orders due  
29th 7p Study  
31st 10:30a Study  
1/8 7p Movie Night  
1/10 10:30a When God's Spirit Moves Study begins  
1/15 7p *One Faithful Promise* Study begins

## January Birthdays

- 1 - Fred Coblentz
- 2 - Harry Courtright
- 7 - Bob Mravetz
- 11 - Doug Williams  
Ann Passmore
- 14 - Doug Brown
- 16 - Joe Hege Jr.]
- 17 - Evan Courtright
- 20 - Dora Barnes  
Aimee Brosch  
Chad Lahoski  
Phyllis Flaugh
- 23 - Steve Farkas
- 24 - Millie Frambaugh
- 29 - Derek Neal
- 31 - Bill Baldwin  
Edilene Coblentz  
Randy Raw

## January Anniversaries

- 7 - Pat & Art Shick
- 15- Andy & Deanna Pylypiak
- 17 - Scott & Nikki Danko

## February Birthdays

- 3 - Shirley Graham
- 5 - Amy Falconer
- 10 - Christine Boche  
Hannah Phelps
- 12 - Sara Hoose  
Dave Russell]
- 15 - Pastor Jane Piehl
- 18 - Sharon Fox  
Nicole Fox
- 20 - Terri Smith
- 22 - Jen Owens
- 23 - Julia Hege  
Kerry Cline
- 28 - Eileen Smith

## Lunch Bunch

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| Jan. 17<br>11:30a | Zoup!<br>3900 Medina Rd. Suite W Montrose |
| Feb. 21<br>11:30a | Bomba<br>3900 Medina Rd. Montrose         |
| Mar. 21<br>11:30a | Alexandri's<br>2835 Medina Rd. 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 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 experience the Bible in its historical context. Please join us!

We are currently studying **Walk As Jesus Walked**. This session focus is on "being a disciple in a broken world". Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.



### Movie Nights

The next Movie Night will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Vogel residence (781 Messina Drive) at 7:00pm. The movie is titled **Waiting For Butterflies**. It is a story of healing and forgiveness.

On February 26, 2019, we will be viewing the movie **A Man Called Peter**. This movie tells how one man's faith uplifted a nation. That man was Peter Marshall.

### Spiritual Growth Discussions

I am please to announce that on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, Rev Matthew Wald will coordinate the study **One Faithful Promise, The Wesleyan Covenant Renewal** study. It will be on Tuesday evenings for six-weeks (1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, and 2/19) starting at 7:00pm.

The study for Lent will be **Simon Peter** by Adam Hamilton. This six-week study will start on Tuesday evenings starting on March 5, 2019, and will be coordinated by Nancy Vogel.

Please join us for the studies. We meet in the church Conference Room. All are welcome.

~ Nancy Vogel

**New Study with new Date & Time:** We will begin a new study on Thurs, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, and 6 following Thursdays. Titled: When God's Spirit Moves. It's a 6 week study on life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. Contact Randy Raw, so that books can be ordered.

~ Randy Raw

## Book Club

**Jan. 5th, *The Unquiet Grave: A Novel.***

By Sharyn McCrumb.

This book is set in the 19<sup>th</sup> century of West Virginia and is based on a true story of the case of the Greenbrier Ghost.

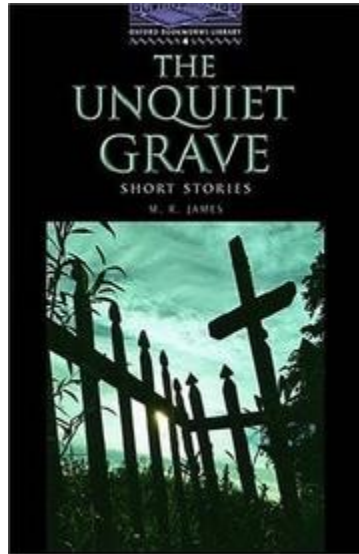
**Feb. 2, *The Last Castle*** by Denise Kiernan will be discussed. This is the true story of the Biltmore Estate, which is located in Ashville, North Carolina.

**Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, *The Reckoning*** by the popular author: John Grisham will be discussed.

This is a mystery that will take us from the Jim Crow South to the jungles of the Philippines during World War II.

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



## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, Jan. 5, 8:30-10AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In Feb. we will meet Feb. 2 at Sharon Center UMC. We are on Question 3.

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?

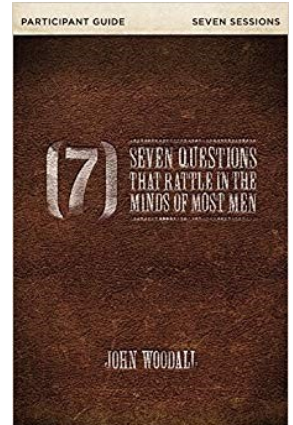
Who Am I?

**Why Am I Here?**

Where Am I Going?

What About Women?

Who Can I Trust?



We will meet Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6. 8:30AM-10AM.

~ Paul Turner

## Scout Sunday

Sunday February 10, 2019

Join us as we celebrate our youth. If you are a member of Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Exploring or Venturing please join us. We would also like to invite our youth to participate in the service as greeters, acolytes, lay readers and ushers. We will have a cookie reception afterwards. A Scout Sunday patch will be given to all participants.

~ Paul Turner

## Pantry Pick of the Month

Pantry Pick of the Month:

January 2019

Let's start the year with a baby shower!

Jesus came as a baby,

and babies

need diapers! Let's bless the pantry with diapers and wipes for the month of January.



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.'



## Valentine Care Packages for College Students

We will collect snacks and treats for college student care packages through Feb. 10. Please give names, addresses, and school name to the office.

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

## February

2nd Sub Sale Prep

3rd 9:30a Bell Choir Practice  
Sub Sale

Children's Choir Practice  
Adult Choir Sings

5th 7p Study

7th 10:30a Study

10th Scout Sunday  
Children's Choir sings  
4p Family Game night at

Copley UMC

12th 7p Study

14th 10:30a Study

19th 7p Study

20th 6p Herb Society mtg

21st 11:30a Lunch Bunch  
7p Choir Practice

24th Adult Choir Sings

28th 7p Choir Practice

## Canal District Leadership Training

If you have ever wanted to help our church live its mission, and are not sure how you can help--a half day of workshops to help church members learn ways to help their churches in leadership and mission.

What: Canal District Leadership Training

When: Saturday, January 26, 9:00 a.m. To 12 noon

Where: Greensburg UMC—2161 Greensburg Road, North Canton

Content: Choices of workshops offered to help in our attempts to: streamline or increase efficiency and effectiveness of committee work, explore feasibility of a Single Board Model for our church, participate in Rule of Christ training (connecting Jesus' teaching from Matthew 18 to positive and loving church relationships, effective communication, vitality, and conflict mediation skill) to increase the vitality and effectiveness of our ministry both within our church and to the community outside our doors. A forum also for church Trustees to deal with any questions or issues on church legal matters, church and parsonage issues, capital improvements, and any other questions that are brought to the forum.

For further information and details, contact Elaine Mravetz or members of Admin Board, and check out flyers on table beneath bulletin board, or posted in the Gathering Room bulletin board.

## Family Game Night at Copley UMC

Sun. Feb. 10, 4pm.

Copley UMC has invited us to join them in a Family Game Night. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Cake will be provided in honor of their Pastor's birthday.

Address: 1518 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd.

Just South of Copley Circle

## With Thanks...

Dear Sharon Center UMC Family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift! We are overwhelmed by your love and support, and are humbled and grateful to be able to serve and worship with you. God is working in a mighty way! May God continue to guide, direct and use us in the months and years ahead!

God bless you,

*Pastor Jane and Dave Piehl*

## Welcome to Our New Acolyte!

Welcome on board to our newest acolyte Connor Haddix. Any youth in 2nd grade or higher is welcome to acolyte just let Nicole Fox know!

# Christmas at Sharon Center UMC



# Sub Sale Order Form

In an effort to prepare the proper amount of food on Feb. 2 we are asking all those who plan on attending to pre-order the type and quantity of sub sandwich desired.

Sandwiches will be served on 7" sub sandwich rolls.

**The following types of sandwiches are available.**

## Quantity

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ham and Cheese**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Italian Sub (Ham, Salami & Peperoni)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Turkey Breast**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Create your own cheese / Or Veggie Sub**

Please note condiments, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and hot peppers will be available to complete your sandwiches.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the pre-order form.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR RETURN TO OFFICE BY JANUARY 27**

Location: Sharon Center UMC Fellowship Hall

When: Immediately following service on 2/3

All Subs are by donation.

The Men's Retreat 2019	
<b>Friday Night Presentation:</b>  <b>Walt Downing</b> A member of the Super Bowl winning 1981 San Francisco 49ers, Walt will share his ups and downs and how Christ has moved in his life!	<b>January 25 – January 27</b> <b>Camp Wanake</b> <b>Beach City, OH</b>
<b>Saturday Program:</b>  <b>On what do you base your faith?</b> We will ask these tough questions: How reliable is the Bible? Is there other evidence? Is the evidence for the Resurrection? <b>We will explore the answers together!</b> Based on the book by <b>Lee Strobel</b>	<b>Weekend Includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday speaker and Saturday program</li><li>• 2 Nights Lodging at Camp Wanake</li><li>• 5 Meals<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dinner Friday Night</li><li>○ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Saturday</li><li>○ Breakfast Sunday</li></ul></li><li>• T-Shirt</li><li>• Fellowship, Prayer, Fun</li><li>• Sunday worship service</li></ul> <div><b>Registration Fee</b> Full Weekend: \$95 Saturday Only: \$50 <small>**Financial Assistance Available</small></div>

**For More Information Contact:**

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John Dunn – (330) 331-8357 [jdunn@dfamilk.com](mailto:jdunn@dfamilk.com)

# Sub Sale Fundraiser

Feb. 3

After church

Order forms due: Jan. 27



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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