

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

May 2019



Dear Forever Family,

There are wonderful flower-filled trees behind the hospital where I am serving my Chaplain Residency. I've been walking by them every day for months – through the autumn when they probably had colorful leaves; through the winter months when they were probably looking bare; and only now have noticed their beautiful blooms and fragrance. I'm glad that I finally looked up from my walk, and from my hurrying, to appreciate them.

It makes me wonder – what else have I missed? What other gifts has God given me that I have just passed by without notice? I am embarrassed and humbled at all that God has provided. Before I am aware, God provides, not just what I need, but above and beyond. Psalm 23 verse 5 says, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." My cup overflows! Open my eyes Lord, that I might see all that you have blessed me with and give you all the praise and glory.

We'll be spending the next few weeks reading from the book of Acts. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament, thought to have been written by the physician Luke. It's actually an action-packed narrative of the early church, giving testimony to how God grew the church through the witness of those that knew Jesus when he walked the earth and those they converted. It makes me think about our "act" – how is Sharon Center United Methodist Church a witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Let's work together to continue to be the church, be the hands and feet and a witness in Sharon Center, Ohio, and the world.

Be Blessed,

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!



A Note from the Choir Director

Children's Choir

It doesn't seem possible, but we are talking about the end of another season of Children's choir! Isn't it wonderful to see and hear our young ones singing God's praises? Our last rehearsal will be on Sunday, May 5 during Sunday School time and we will be singing for the service on May 12. We will be taking the summer off, but look forward to singing again in September. Watch your newsletter for further information! Let's have ALL of our children join us for our final song of the season! Praise God!

Bell Choir

Our bell choir will be taking a break for the summer, but will be coming back in the fall. Please consider joining us to ring God's praises! All are welcome! Watch your newsletter for information.

Adult Choir

The adult choir will be rehearsing on Thursday, May 2 and singing for the service on May 5. We will also be rehearsing on May 9 and May 16 and singing on June 2. Then they will be taking a break for the summer as well. Please consider joining us again in the fall! No experience necessary and we welcome everyone!

Special Music for Summer

If you or anyone you know would like to provide special music for our summer services, please contact Millie at (330) 239-2023. We are in need of suggestions for special music, too! Is there someone you'd like to have sing? Is there an instrument you'd like to hear? My ears are always listening for ways to enhance the services!

~ Millie Frambaugh

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Join us Monday, May 27, from 7a-11a for our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. The meal is by donation and all proceeds are donated to the Highland Community Support Network for families in need. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! If you'd like to help with the breakfast, contact Bob Mravetz



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

May

2nd 10a Son of God Study
7p Adult Choir practice
4th 10a Book Club
Men's Group to volunteer at Cups Cafe
5th Children's Choir practice
7th 10:30a Prayer Shawl Grp
7p Life You've Always Wanted Study
7p VBS planning mtg
8th 6p All Church Potluck
6:30p All Church Meeting
9th 10a Son of God Study
7p Adult Choir practice
12th Children Choir sings Honoring of Mothers
14th 7p Life You've Always Wanted Study
16th 10a Son of God Study
11:45a Lunch Bunch
7p Adult Choir practice
21st 7p Life You've Always Wanted Study
23rd 10a Son of God Study
27th 7a-11a Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
28th 7p Life You've Always Wanted Study
30th 10a Son of God Study
31st First Music on the Circle of the Summer

June

1st Sharon Showcase Event
2nd Adult Choir sings
9th Pentecost
16th Honoring Fathers
9th-13th Annual Conference at Lakeside
24th-28th Vacation Bible School

May Birthdays

- 1 - Makenzi Cavanaugh
- 3 - Erin Antonelli
Tom Boche
- 11 - David Zentiska
Debbie Ensor
- 15 - Lou Antonelli
Bob Pawlik
- 17 - Jackie Ingersoll
- 21 - Charlie Tramel
- 22 - Rylee Danko
- 25 - Andrea Stanec
- 26 - Darlene Franz
- 28 - Erin Keenan
- 30 - Donald Ensor
Betty Lewis
- 31 - Jo Ann Renner

May Anniversaries

- 25 - Jack & Christina Breese

Directory update –
new phone number for Anne
Gavinsky – 234-352-8948

Lunch Bunch

May 16
11:45a

Tumbleweed Tex Mex Grill
4147 Burbank Rd. Wooster, OH

June 20
11:45a

Papa Bears
4990 Dressler Rd. NE Canton, 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!

~ Nancy Vogel

Foundations Team

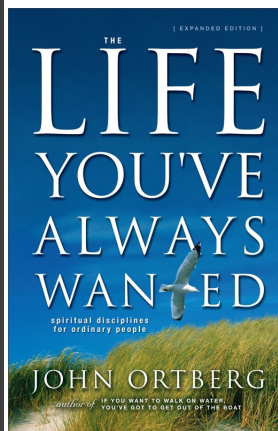
Adult Sunday School

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 where we experience the Bible in its historical context. Please join us!

On May 12th we will start the study by Ray Vander Laan titled "Fire on the Mountain". Come and discover how God teaches the Israelites to be part of a community that loves him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today.

Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.

Spiritual Growth Discussions

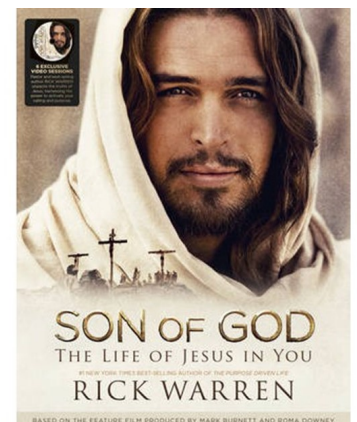


In May we will continue the study by John Ortberg titled **The Life You've Always Wanted**. This study focuses on spiritual disciplines for ordinary people who want a relationship with God that impacts every aspect of their daily lives. Rev Phil Raynes is the coordinator.

Please join us for the studies. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church Conference Room. All are welcome.

~ Nancy Vogel

On Thurs. April 25, we watched the movie *Son of God*. The following weeks we will dive into the study "Son of God; The Life of Jesus in You" by Rick Warren. Whether you're exploring the life of Jesus for the first time, or ready to take your faith to a deeper level, this study is for you! If you would like to join us for just the movie, that is O.K. This study is facilitated by Millie Frambaugh and is held in the church conference room on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see all of you there!

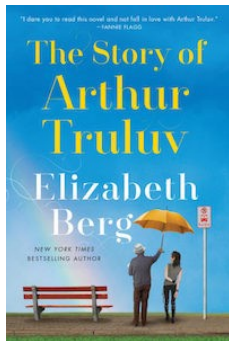


Book Club

May 4th *The Story of Arthur Truluv*

by: Elizabeth Berg

The review says that this is a "beautiful and moving novel of compassion in the face of loss, of the small acts that turn friends into family, and of the possibilities to achieve happiness at any age".



June 8th (Note date change!)

The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir

By: Kao Kalia Yang

This book will help us learn about the Hmong history and culture and the journey of a family from Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand to the U.S.

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

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School Planning is underway. Sharon Center is teaming up with St Paul Lutheran again this year to put on "ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!"

Vacation Bible School June 24-28, 5:30p– 8p Needing Volunteers

We will have a planning meeting Tuesday, May 7 at 7p at Sharon Center UMC to organize our three activity areas. We are in charge of Games, Preschool, and the opening skit. The stations are pre-planned but we need to figure out how to best make them work and also assign individuals for each of the five days. Pastor Jane and Dave are both gone that week so we need folks to step into their shoes. Its really a lot of fun and we have worked with this curriculum before so don't be intimidated. It all about having fun with the kids and getting them to better understand how God moves in their lives.

If you can be there the whole week – Fantastic! If you can only help one evening – Fantastic!

If you have any props/decorations with an African safari/ Lion King theme and willing to let us borrow them for the week for decorating that would be awesome.

~ Paul Turner

Men's Breakfast

We discussed our last of the Seven Questions in April and to closeout the school year we are going to volunteer at Cups Café in Medina on Saturday, May 4. This will be preparing and serving lunch. More details will be announced in church but mark your calendars and hope to see you there. We will resume in the Fall with a Men's BBQ to regroup and select our 2019-2020 study.

~ Paul Turner

Pantry Pick of the Month

May 2019

Let's bless the pantry with jelly & jams! Any flavor is good! Each month we pick an item to provide to the Sharing Center at

St. Paul Lutheran Church. Items can be placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



New Member's Class

Thinking of joining Sharon Center UMC in a more formal way? Join us for a gathering of persons who would like to know more about the United

Methodist Church or are interested in becoming a member. This is an informal gathering for anyone who has been attending for a while is new and would like more information. We'll meet on Sunday, April 28 at 4PM in the Conference Room. Let Pastor Jane know you are coming at (330) 321-4700.



Youth Group

LAUNCH IN THE FALL OF 2019 – UMYF at Sharon Center UMC! We are looking for Youth interested in joining us for fellowship and more beginning in September. The UMYF will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month with special events planned throughout the year. More information to come!



All Church Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Pot Luck Dinner at 6p.m., followed by All Church Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

WHAT: An opportunity to enjoy a meal and Fellowship with others in our Sharon Center UMC family, then meet for a celebration on what we have prayerfully accomplished as a church family this past year, share an update on the current financial health of our church, an update on the parsonage, and discuss our goals for the future: how can we serve our community and beyond, how can we live our mission more fully as a church? How can we be more intentional about our discipleship?

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting, and look to the coming year with excitement at what opportunities we as a church family will have to 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, Richard Frost (Trustees)

Sharon Showcase

We will be participating in the annual Sharon Showcase festival on Sat. June 1 from approx. 9a-3p. We will be sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and some sweet desserts. Look for a sign up coming soon. Mark your calendar!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We will honor our Graduates in June. If you or your family member is graduating from High School or College this year please let the office know and we ask that you submit a photo of them.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday will be June 9. Please bring a red geranium and we will plant them in our church flowerbed.

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter Pictures





VBS 2019

June 24-28, 5:30p-8:30p

Contact SharonCenterUMCSecretary@gmail.com to sign your child up.

* Location will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, on Sharon Center Circle*

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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