

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

June 2019

Grace and peace to you!

Pentecost is celebrated on June 9 this year - a day to celebrate the infilling of the Holy Spirit on the 120 disciples gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem. We celebrate it not only as a gift from God but also as the birth of the church as an institution. The disciples weren't sure what to expect, and they certainly were changed in a moment. The Holy Spirit has always been present from before the beginning of the world as a part of our Triune God, but now the Spirit lives INSIDE US! What a glorious thing to wrap your head around – and for that, we rejoice!

For the season after Pentecost through June we'll be learning about what we have inherited as a result of that infilling of the Spirit – what does it truly mean that we have inherited wisdom, attentiveness, power and trust?

When we inherit something, we receive or are left with something from a former owner. God has left us with many gifts and as we think what he has given us we gain insight into his character. We learn about what God is like by the gifts that he leaves us.

Sign up to help or stop by to enjoy some pancakes on Memorial Day between 7:00 and 11:00 AM. It's certain to be a great community event! Also, you won't want to miss June 9 Worship at 10:30 as we welcome and confirm new members. It's always a great day when our family grows, and we see God at work in their lives.

God continues to bless Sharon Center United Methodist as we serve through Flood Buckets, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, helping Highland Support Network, Sharon Showcase, Sundie Undies, Shoes for School Kids, and more. We are a community dedicated to serving others in the name of Christ!

Summer 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!



A Note from the Choir Director

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!

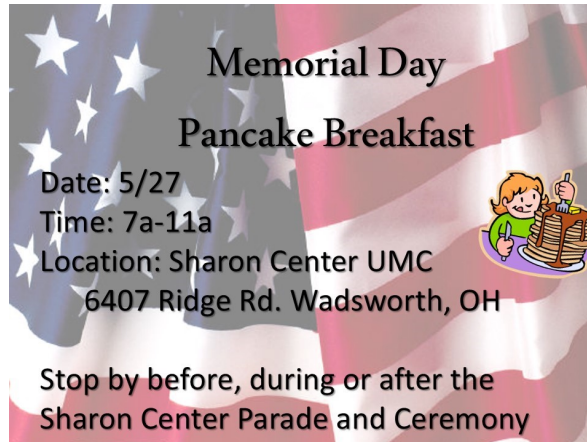
~ Millie Frambaugh

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



Prayer Shawl Group

On April 2 the Prayer Shawl Group delivered about 34 fleece blankets, 8 Stuffed animals and a large donation of snack items, and juice boxes to The Children's Center of Medina County. We were greeted with open arms and enjoyed a tour through their new, larger facility on Smith Road. We received this note from them a few days later:

Thank you for the generous donation of snack items, juice boxes, blankets and stuffed animals to The Children's Center of Medina County. Your support is greatly appreciated and so important to the children who benefit from the services provided by The Children's Center. Child abuse is devastating and because of your generosity, we are able to give these kids a chance to heal.

Since 2007, we have helped over 10,000 children with our services, which include crisis intervention and advocacy services for abuse and neglect; support services for children and families in need; community outreach programming; and abuse prevention education to help improve the lives of children. Because of your support, children have the opportunity to live free from abuse, heal from abuse, and have safe and happy childhoods.

Thank you again for helping us fulfill our mission to nurture abused and neglected children through collaboration, advocacy, treatment, and prevention. Together, we are healing families and changing lives.

Sincerely, Rhonda Wurgler, MPA

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

May

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 with Sharon
Showcase Event

June

1st Sharon Showcase Event
2nd Adult Choir sings
Graduate Recognition Sun.
8th 10a Book Club
9th Pentecost
9th-13th Annual Conference at
Lakeside
12th 7p Trustee's mtg
16th Honoring Fathers
20th 11:45a Lunch Bunch
24th-28th Vacation Bible School

July

28th New Undie Sunday/
Christmas in July

August

4th Church Picnic

June Birthdays

- 1 - David Zentiska
- 2 - Jeremy Highman
- 3 - Tawny Smith
- 4 - Pat Shick
John Hayes
- 6 - Elaine Mravetz
- 7 - Dick Highman
- 11 - Patrick Keenan
- 15 - Sue Hayes
- 19 - Stacey Krautheim Freitag
- 20 - Jackson Paul Keenan
- 22 - Laura Lautenschleger
- 24 - Mark Antonelli
- 26 - Jim Cavanaugh
- 29 - Jan Highman
Lily Kehres
- 30 - Dave Piehl

June Anniversaries

- 24 - George & Kathy Hoose
- 30- Richard & Loretta Frost

Directory update:

Lou & Tricia Antonelli
1228 Euclid Ave #817
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Lunch Bunch

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!

In June we will continue 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

The once a week discussions will be on hiatus for the summer. Please plan on joining the studies this fall.

Let each of us focus on our prayer life this summer. God wants us to pray. What to include in your prayer? Perhaps the following will help you. Use the acronym **FACTS**.

F – faith in God – believing in the power and goodness of God and that the things he has said will come.

A – adoration – lifting up your heart and mind to God asking nothing except to enjoy God's presence

C – confess – confessing is how to keep your relationship with God clean and uncluttered.

T – thank God – focus on what God has specifically done for us.

S – seek God to meet all needs – ask God for your needs and the needs of others. God does not get upset when we constantly ask but is upset when we do not come to Him at all.

(The above comments a paraphrased from Jim Lo's **Connect with God** pamphlet.)

~ Nancy Vogel

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is happy to announce that Heather Lahoski has joined us. If anyone else would like to be part of the team that prayers for others please let me know. (Nancy Vogel 330-283-3013) The Prayer Team will select any request for prayer. Just call one of the following people and they will initiate the call to the other team members. Pastor Jane, Janet Renner, Pat Bernhard, Norma Bates, Nancy Baldwin, Jean Geitgey, Nancy Vogel, Wanda Lang, Bob Mravetz, Elaine Mravetz, Pat Shick, Heather Lahoski.

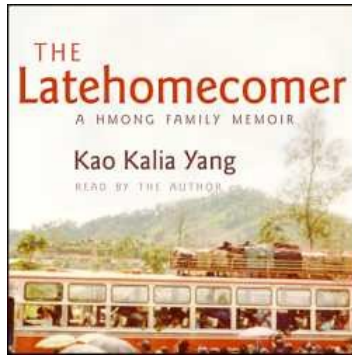
Book Club

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.



July 13 (Note this is the second Saturday of the month)

Eliza Hamilton

By: Tilar J. Mazzeo.

Read and fall in love with *Eliza Hamilton*, Alexander Hamilton's devoted wife. This biography covers Eliza's life from childhood through marriage and widowhood. She is one of the unsung heroes of our nation.

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! 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

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church,
on the Sharon Center Circle
Date: June 24-28
Time: 5:30p– 8p



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. It's really a lot of fun and we have worked with this curriculum before so don't be intimidated. It's 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! Contact Paul Turner if you can help.

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

Pantry Pick of the Month

June 2019

Let's make the summer count by blessing the Pantry with lots of breakfast cereal!

Pick up an extra box when you are

shopping and drop it off at the table in the back of the Sanctuary. All donations are welcome and appreciated! Each month we pick an item to provide to the Sharing Center at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



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!



Christmas in July/ New Undie Sunday

July 28 is "Christmas in July" and we are asking everyone to bring NEW IN PACKAGE underwear and socks to church that day to be given to homeless men, women, girls and boys. We will be celebrating Christmas in July with carols and candles. More details to follow.

Vacation Bible School Meals

Sharon Center UMC is in charge of meals for Tues, June 25 and Thurs. June 27. Tues we will have Subs, Thurs we will have spaghetti. A donation sheet is posted for what needs purchased. We also need helpers to serve the meal at 5:30pm. (Arrive approx. 5p to set up, and clean up and finished by 7p) Contact Nikki Fox or sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

All Church Meeting

We had a very productive All Church Meeting on May 8. Attached to this email is the full minutes from the meeting.

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 on June 2. 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

COME HOLY SPIRIT! We are having a special celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, June 9. If you have anything RED in your closet, please wear it that day, and plan to share in the excitement!



Medina Community Band Concert

On Fri. June 14, at 8:30p on the Medina Square the Medina Community Band will play their concert in honor of former Medina Band Member and Sharon Center UMC member Robert Ullery.



All Church Picnic

August 4 will be our ALL CHURCH PICNIC and we are having it at the church this year immediately following our 10:30a Worship! We will be setting up some tents, bring in bounce house, setting up some games and grilling up some fun. The church will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. More details to follow. The Theme for the day is Friendship for "Friendship Day" so bring a friend for the fun and make a new friend!



Note From Trustees

During the May 8 All Church meeting the SCUMC trustees reported on several tasks that have recently been completed.

Trustees noted that some of the inside beams of the steeple were in poor condition due primarily to weather related rot. George Wemmer contacted a friend, Greg Varehegyi, and they worked together to make the repair. They were able to secure the beams with steel braces. The steeple is now safe and secure. However, we will need to continue to check the on-going condition of the steeple.

Thank you letters were sent to Greg and Victor of Ohio Engineering and Manufacturing since any costs and materials were donated by them.

Trustee Randy Raw has been working with Dan Plucinski, a local electrician, who the church has previously employed to complete several electrical improvements, ex. front porch lights, pole lamp near church front steps, parking lot, etc., at a price of \$1400.

The parsonage has a new tenant as of May. The previous renter moved to a new location in April. Richard Frost, trustee, and the Administrative Board worked with Wadsworth Real Estate to select our new renter. The new renter was vetted by Wadsworth Realty who determined that he had a good credit standing and income. We secured a fourteen month contract at \$1800 per month. This gentleman also foresees no problems with the energy company regarding the use of the parsonage driveway for their work.

Trustee future tasks being contemplated are adding gravel to the parking lot and investigating the cost to pave a portion of the parking lot. Due to the age and condition we are also investigating the cost of replacing the heating and air-conditioning of the church building sometime in the future.

We will continue to report on these and other tasks throughout the summer.

~ Richard Frost
Trustee Chair



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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