

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

October 2019

Dear Sharon Center Family,

As we transition to a new season, we anticipate changes will happen. Changes in the amount of light we'll have each day, changes in the temperature outside, changes in the color of the leaves on the trees and the appearance of our landscapes. I love the Fall colors, the Fall skies, pumpkins, picking apples, bon fires to keep warm and high school marching band on a Friday night. Normally I'm not a person who likes to change, unless of course I know about it ahead of time and can prepare for it.

Changes come in our lives that surprise us, even though we know that there is nothing more constant than change. Change must happen for growth to occur, not only in our personal lives but in the life of the church. Jesus did not call us to sit and wait for people to come, but to go and reach out to people where they are in the community and make disciples. As a community we encourage and strengthen one another so that we can GO, and when change comes, we remember to rest in Jesus.

The kind of change that comes from a relationship with Jesus isn't really change that we prepare for ahead of time. We surrender, give up our life and control to God, and then we trust that He will transform us. But that only works if we cooperate, participate and embrace those changes. If we continue to try to have our own way, then our transformation will be stunted. For me, this requires a daily give-back, a daily intentional surrender to God of all control, and a moment by moment release of what I think should happen. I don't have to know it all – because He does.

Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Keeping your mind stayed on Jesus isn't easy, but it is worth it. May this Autumn remind you that change is always coming, but we have a big God who gives us all we need and never leaves us as we weather the change.

Living a life in grace,
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

Adult Choir continues to rehearse on Thurs evenings at 7p, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24. Children's Choir continues to practice on first Sunday and sing on second Sunday. Bells practice has been moved to Mondays at 7p.



If you would like to serve the Lord musically and have any questions about any of the choirs, please call Millie at (330) 239-2023. Let's make some "Joyful Noise" for the Lord this year!

~ Millie Frambaugh



Swiss Steak Dinner

Oct. 26 is our annual Swiss Steak Dinner! Meal will include: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, beverage and dessert! Helper and donation sheets are posted. Hope you can help or stop in for dinner!

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 4p-7p

Location: Sharon Center UMC, 6407 Ridge Rd. just north of Sharon Circle

Cost: Adult: \$9.00, Child: \$5.00, under 5: free

Operation Christmas Child
GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY!! It's time to start filling those shoe boxes for the children around the world who suffer from poverty, hunger, disease, abandonment and exploitation.



Each gift brings such joy and smiles to those children who are less fortunate, but more than that, each box brings the true meaning of Christmas, God's gift to mankind, the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to make this the biggest year ever by filling a shoe box full of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Please remember, we cannot pack toothpaste or candy of any kind. Lotions and liquids cannot be sent through the mail.

If you are unable to fill a box but would like to help, we will be accepting donations of small toys and gifts to give our Children's Sunday School Class and Youth an opportunity to fill a few boxes. Consider monetary donations to help fill a box or help with postage which is 9.00 to send a box overseas. Make checks payable to the church and mark them "Christmas Boxes". All will be blessed during Worship on November 17

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

September

30th 7p Bells practice

October

1st 10:30a Prayer Shawl Grp
7p *Pray Like This* Study
3rd 10a *The Shack* Study
7p Adult Choir practice
5th 8a Men's Breakfast
10a Book Club
6th Children's Choir practice
7th 7p Bells Practice
8th 7p *Pray Like This* Study
9th 7p Trustees mtg
7:30p Admin Council
10th 10a *The Shack* Study
7p Adult Choir practice
11th 7p Bells Practice
13th Children's choir sings
15th 7p *Pray Like This* Study
17th 7p Adult Choir practice
21st 7p Bells Practice
22nd 7p *Pray Like This* Study
23rd 2p Put Halloween
Candy Together
24th 7p Adult Choir practice
26th 4p-7p Swiss Steak Dinner
28th 7p Bells Practice
29th 7p *Unanswered* Study
31st 6p-8p Trick Or Treat Night

November

25th 7p Community
Thanksgiving Service

December

14th 9a-12 Cookie & Craft Sale
15th Children's Christmas
Program
22nd 3p Blue Christmas Service
24th 7:30p Christmas Eve
Service

October Birthdays

- 2 - Danielle Lahoski
- 3 - Joe Fox
- 4 - Dave Lahoski
- 5 - Keegan Cline
- 9 - Joey Sewell
Lloyd Fiste
Nick Phelps
- 10 - Norma Bates
- 13 - Emily Hoose
- 18 - Anne Gavinesky
- 20 - James Turner
- 21 - MayKenzie Lahoski
- 22 - Pattie Fiste
- 23 - Mark Raw
- 26 - Art Shick
- 30 - Melissa Williams
Joe Brosch
- 31 - Evan Buck

October Anniversaries

- 5 – Terry & Mindi Haddix
- 9 – Dave & Heather Lahoski
- 13 - Don & Debbie Ensor
- 16 - Dan & Sherri Buck
- 24 - Tom & Christine Boche

October is Pastor
Appreciation Month!
Let's surprise Pastor Jane
with cards and gifts.

Notes of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone call and cards for Mason. It's been a long rough road but hopefully we are finally in the right direction! With God's help, doctors, the right treatments and medicine we are praying it will be the path to keeping it under control, for him to start feeling better and not being in pain.

Special thank you to Pastor Jane for continuing to check up on him and for Bob and Elaine for all of your support, love and your awesome garden trying to help keep Mason's strength up through this rough time.

God Bless,

Terry, Mindi, Mason and Connor
Haddix

Lunch Bunch

Oct. 17 Spaghetti Warehouse
11:30a 510 S. Main St. Bldg. 33, Akron

Nov. 21 Wally Waffle
11:30a 3997 Medina Rd. Akron, 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

The Adult Sunday School is currently studying the book of Hebrews. This book was written for Jewish Christians but has guidance for us even today. Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Pray Like This – Living the Lord's Prayer. This study will start on Tuesday, September 17th 7:00pm-8:00pm and last for six-weeks. Come and fall more in love with God and grow in your desire to engage in conversation with Him. Millie Frambaugh will be leading the sessions. Please see her if you want a book.

The study **Unanswered – Lasting Truth for Trending Questions** by Jeremiah J. Johnston will start on October 29th 7pm-8pm. In our culture tough questions are being asked about Christianity. This study will help equip us to provide answers to others in a convincing and attractive way to six of life's toughest questions.

The Shack Study will continue on Thursday mornings at 10am through Oct. 10th. The Study is lead by Randy Raw.

~ Nancy Vogel

Community Trick or Treat Night

We will begin collecting candy for our community Trick or Treat night on Oct. 31 from 6p-8p.

Wrapped candy can be placed on the back table in the sanctuary. These are needed by Oct. 20. On

Oct. 23 we will bag them up, anyone is welcome to help bag candy bags on Oct. 23 at 2p in the conference room at the church. We will also need volunteers to help pass out candy, cook hot dogs, serve hot chocolate, and set up on Oct. 31st from 6p-8p. Set up at approx. 5p.



Hurricane Collection

Midwest Mission is collecting items for Hurricane victims. The deadline for items dropped off to Sharon UMC is Oct. 22. They will be taken to a local drop off then to the headquarters. Please see the insert for further information.

Book Club

October 5

The Husband Hunters: American Heiresses Who Married into the British Aristocracy

by: Anne De Courcy.

This book is a true account of the women who inspired *Downton Abbey*. The book takes place towards the end of the nineteenth century and for the first few years of the twentieth. It is known as a highly readable social history.



November 2

Killing Trail: A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery

by: Margaret Mizushima will be discussed. This is the author's first novel and it is about a female cop and her K-9 dog. Reviews state that the interactions between Mattie and Robo will tug the heartstrings of every dog lover. *Since most of the people who attend Book Club are cat lovers I will enjoy hearing their comments about the interaction between Mattie and Robo. Might there be some other dog lovers than me that can come and discuss the book?*

December 7

Christmas on the Island: A Novel

by: Jenny Colgan. On a remote Scottish island Christmas is festive and beautiful. However, if you just got pregnant by your ex-boss and do not know how to tell him, this Christmas may not be one of glad tidings.

The Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10am 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

Attention all Youth

Youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join us for fellowship and fun on the first and third Sundays from 6 to 7:30 PM at the church. Our first gathering will be Sunday, October 6. We need your help planning bonfires, Bible lessons, mission projects to feed the poor, road trips, hikes, assembling Christmas boxes and more. Know someone? Invite them too! Questions? See Pastor Jane or Paul Turner.



Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is Oct. 20. If you would like to participate, contact Pastor Jane.

Pantry Pick of the Month

October 2019

Let's stock the Sharing Center with hot beverage items. Hot chocolate, tea, coffee.



Individually

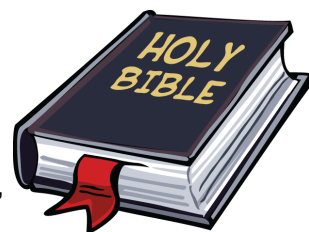
packaged items work well. Items can be placed on the back counter in the sanctuary. All donations are welcome and appreciated! Each month we pick an item to provide to the Sharing Center at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Help Needed

Can You Serve? Treasurer Needed for Sharon Center UMC! Our wonderful and dedicated Treasurer, Eunice Merritt, needs to step back from her service as our church Treasurer. She has done an amazing job in setting up automatic payments for a number of the regular church bills, and organizing the books to be user friendly. We are in need of a replacement for this volunteer position to serve about an hour or two a week. Please prayerfully consider possible service to our church in this need. Eunice has agreed to mentor her replacement for a period of time until he or she is comfortable in the duties of Treasurer. Having access to a computer will be very helpful. Please consider serving our church's mission in this manner. We have been very blessed to have Eunice in this position for a number of years, and thank her for her dedicated service! If interested, please contact Eunice for more info on what is involved in Treasurer duties, or contact Charlie Tramel, Dan Farnsworth, Bill Baldwin, Elaine Mravetz, or Pastor Jane) if interested in serving our church's mission in this manner.

Bible Sunday

Is your child in 3rd grade or 4th grade? We be giving Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders on Oct. 20th. Let the office, Pastor Jane, or Nancy Baldwin know of 3rd graders.



Men's Group

This year we are using *The Making of a Man* by Tim Brown. Tim Brown won the Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame and played 17 years in the NFL and was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2015. It's about leading a life of honor and integrity that honors God. This is a study for all men no matter what stage of life you are in. There are six sessions and we plan to go until Saturday May 2, with filling in some of the months with community service projects.

The six sessions are titled:

1. A Man Uses His Talents
2. A Man Overcomes Temptations
3. A Man Takes Responsibility
4. A Man Forgives Others
5. A Man Has His Priorities in Order
6. A Man Builds a Godly Legacy

Each session is divided into the following:

Get Breakfast (not part of the actual study)
Get Together
Get Thinking
Get Talking
Get Insight
Get Going
Between Sessions Personal Study

We are meeting the first Saturday of each month with breakfast served at 8:00AM and concluding the study at 9:30AM. St Paul and Sharon Center UMC will take turns hosting the study. Our first meeting will be by Saturday October 5 at St Paul.

~ Paul Turner

Walk to Emmaus

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. -

Luke 24:15 The walk to Emmaus

is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The next Walks are scheduled at Camp Wanake for April 16-19, 2020 for women and April 23-26, 2020 for men. It's a good idea to get on the list early as this event sometimes fills up quickly. Scholarships are available. Anyone interested can contact Pastor Jane or Dave Piehl.

Pastor Jane and Elaine Mravetz will be participating in the Women's Emmaus Walk Oct. 24-27. Notes of support are welcome. Sun. Oct. 27 we will have Rev. Phil Raynes filling in for Pastor Jane. Thank you Rev. Raynes!



New Undie Sundie a Huge Success

Sharon Center United Methodist celebrated "Christmas in July" on July 28 complete with a Christmas tree and caroling! As a part of our worship on that special day we collected over 1500 new socks, underpants, and undershirts for men, women and children. Brand new in-package underwear was delivered to Feed My Sheep Ministries in Alliance and Rahab Ministries in Akron. Feed My Sheep reaches out to low income families and homeless in the name of Jesus Christ. Rahab Ministries reaches out to women who have been trafficked and abused. Our prayer is that this gift will benefit homeless, low income, abused and trafficked persons both locally and in Northeast Ohio. To God be the glory!



Christmas in July
New undies and socks collection

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 3. This is a very special service where we honor those who have joined the church triumphant over the last year. Come light a candle in memory of loved ones that have passed.

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Date: October 26

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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