

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

November 2019

Dear Sharon Center Family,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Growing in Christ, that is becoming a more mature Christian, is something that everyone who has been baptized wants to do. But it's not something that we can work hard at and make happen – it requires the Holy Spirit to mold and shape us into the person that God is calling us to become. We recognize God's amazing grace, and we spend the rest of our lives being transformed into the image of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit working in us.

Some of the most helpful things I have found in nurturing that growth is the Spiritual Disciplines. A spiritual discipline is a good habit that allows you to remain open to God and develop yourself spiritually. Discipline is one of the hardest things for us to learn and something a lot of us run away from. Think of some of our finest athletes. Most of them have a strong sense of discipline because they must build up strength, endurance, and skill to be good at a particular sport. Just as an athlete builds up strength, so do Christians when they practice things like prayer, meditation, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, service, submission, worship and celebration.

It's hard to believe that we have less than 90 days left in this decade! As a way of bringing in the new decade, I took on the challenge of "5 to thrive" for 90 days: drink half my body weight in ounces of water, get up one hour earlier to spend time with God, give up one category of food, exercise for 30 minutes and list 5 things that I am grateful. I look at these as spiritual disciplines – ways that I am committed to caring for my body and mind so that I might grow closer to Christ, strengthening my faith muscles.

Is there something that you can do each day that will remind you to pay attention to Jesus? Gratitude is a great way to start and writing down three things each day that you are thankful for will transform your way to thinking. It's that time of year when our thoughts naturally go toward thankfulness. And then turn your list in to a prayer.

May your days be filled with God's amazing 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!



November
a month of gratitude

A Note from the Choir Director

Adult Choir continues to rehearse on Thurs evenings at 7p. Children's Choir continues to practice on first Sunday and sing on second Sunday. Children are also practicing for the Christmas musical during this time. 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

October

26th 4p-7p Swiss Steak Dinner
28th 7p Bells Practice
29th 7p *Unanswered* Study
31st 10a Christian Atheist Study
6p-8p Trick Or Treat Night

November

2nd 8a Men's Breakfast Grp
10a Book Club
3rd All Saints Sunday
5th 7p *Unanswered* Study
7th 10a Christian Atheist Study
9th 5:30p Aspire Women's
Night Out
12th 7p *Unanswered* Study
13th 7:30p Admin Board mtg
14th 10a Christian Atheist Study
17th OCC boxes due
19th 7p *Unanswered* Study
20th 1p Worship Cmte mtg
21st 10a Christian Atheist Study
25th 7p Community
Thanksgiving Service
26th 7p *Unanswered* Study
30th 10a Hanging of the Greens

December

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

November Birthdays

- 1 – Ken Ullery
- 2 - Grace Pylypiak
- 3 - Natalie Sewell
- 12 - Scott Danko
- 15 - Daniel Buck
- 18 - Nancy Baldwin
- 19 - Chance Farnsworth
Kathy Shaw
Diane Meckes
Dawn Kehres
- 24- Hoyt Pylypiak
Celia Pylypiak
- 26 - Jack Breese

November Anniversaries

Notes of Thanks

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of Love Inc Medina. Thanks to you our banquet was a success and the money raised will help meet the needs of many people in Medina County and beyond.
~ Patty Jameyson
Love Inc

Lunch Bunch

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

Dec. 19 Serenité Restaurant
11:30a 538 W. Liberty Street. Medina, OH 44256
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

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. Nancy Vogel will be coordinating.

The study “Christian Atheist” will begin on Oct. 24th at 10am for 6 weeks. 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.



Altar Flowers

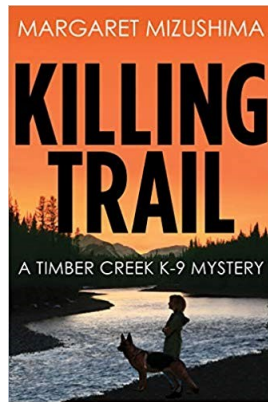
Altar flowers from April –November are usually furnished with flowers from Nancy Baldwin’s garden. Did you know that you can put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone or for a celebration? You can purchase an arrangement or bouquet, or you can give money to Nancy to buy the arrangement. Just give Nancy a call for more details. 330-350-0913

Book Club

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. We will meet on the first and third Sundays. We need your help planning bon fires, 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.

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 .



Pantry Pick of the Month

November 2019

Let's stock the Sharing Center with soup items. A hot bowl of soup is great on a cold day. 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.

Directory Updates

Do you need to update your contact information—phone number, address, emails, etc? Have you filled out a directory form? Contact the office to update info for 2020 Directory.

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

Our first meeting was October 5th and we had ten men from Sharon Center UMC, St Paul Lutheran and Medina UMC participate. Our next meetings will be Saturday Nov 2 8-9:30AM at Sharon Center UMC. Pumpkin Spice Pancakes and Turkey spam is on the menu. The meeting in December will be December 7th at St Paul.

If you want to see what you missed you are welcome to borrow the materials in between meetings. You can also join in at anytime because each session is independent of the others and there are no pre-requisites. .

~ Paul Turner

Midwest Mission

Thanks to all of you who made donations to the Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Mission Collection. You have blessed many people with all you gave. As of the writing of this newsletter you have contributed: 40 blankets, 8 tarps, 16 flashlights, 2 leg boots, ted stockings, 2 binders, 24 Personal Dignity kits, 5 walkers, an adult potty chair, 3 pairs of crutches, a cane, and many additional supplies.

We are truly blessed in our church! It is wonderful to see that we contribute to others in need. Please continue to pray for the people in the Bahamas as they struggle to recover from the hurricane.



Aspire Women's Night

A 1 night, 3 hour event just for women full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. Group tickets are available through Pastor Jane for group rate of \$20 Deadline is Nov. 6. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Date: Sat. Nov. 9

Time: Show starts at 6p, Doors open at 5:30p, carpool leaves at: 4:30p

Location: North Olmsted Friends Church 5665 Great Northern Blvd. N. Olmsted, OH 44070

Hanging of the Greens



This is a special time to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. We will have a story read to the children and some Christmas music. There will also be a craft for the children. We will have pizza and pop for lunch along with some desserts. ALL ARE INVITED to help with this special time with family and friends to start the Advent Season. Hope to see you there!

Date: Nov. 30

Time: 10am

Location: Sharon Center UMC



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sharon Center United Methodist Church will join with Granger United Methodist, St. Paul Lutheran and Remsen Christian for a joint Thanksgiving celebration at Remsen Christian Church, 1500 Remsen Road, Medina, Ohio on Monday evening, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend! There will be a dessert reception following the service at the church. All are welcome!

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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