~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude

"Now Thank We All Our God" Arr. by Jan Sanborn

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

"We Gather Together" *Opening Hymn

UMH No. 131

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has called all of us here.

People: We are given new names of hope and promise. Leader: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

People: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation. Leader: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

People: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

"Come. Share the Lord" Song of Praise

Sung by: Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time

"A Big Fish Tale"

Pastor Jane

At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen. Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:9-20

Luke 23:33-43

Message "A Picture of the Invisible God" Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

"Thank You Lord"

Solo by: Stephen Kinford

By: Don Moen

Offering

"Count Your Blessings" Arr. By: Carol Tournquist

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

"Give Thanks"

See Screen

*Benediction

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God's love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always. Go in peace and may God's peace be with you. Amen.

*Postlude

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Arr. by Jan Sanborn

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl Pastor
Millie Frambaugh Music Director
Dave Piehl Lay Speaker
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore Greeters
Lahoski Acolytes

Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

www.sharoncenterumc.org

November 24, SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am Church Office: (330) 239-1616

SharonCenterUMCSecretary@gmail.com Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

Pastor Jane Piehl JanePiehl@gmail.com

Prayer List

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Dora Barnes Norma Bates		Richard Lewis	Guy & Wa Mary Jane	
This Week				
Mon	7p	Community Thanksgiving Service at Remsen Church		
Tues	7p	Unanswered study Conferen	ce rm.	see Nancy V.
Thurs		HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING		
Sat	10a	Hanging of the Greens		
Upcoming Events				
12/14	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale		
12/15		Children's Christmas musical		
12/22	3p	Blue Christmas Service		
12/24	7 p	Christmas Eve Service		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to *Sereneté*, 538 W. Liberty Str. Medina, OH on Dec. 19, 11:30a. 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!

Community Thanksgiving Service – This year's community Thanksgiving service will be at Remsen Christian Church 1500 Remsen Rd. Medina, OH at 7p on Nov. 25.

Tuesday night study is titled, *Unanswered*, by Jeremiah Johnston. The study will continues through Dec. 3 from 7p-8p in the conference room.

Thursday morning study – A 6 session study on *The Christian Atheist* by: Craig Groeschel continues through Dec. 5 at 10am. in the Conference room.

Our next study will begin on Dec. 12 and is titled *Because of Bethlehem* by: Max Lucado. The Thursday morning study meets at 10am in the Conference Room.

Children's Christmas Musical - Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15! That's when "Chance", "Daphne", "Penelope", and "George" (better known as "The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels"!) will try and earn their place in the heavenly choir!! This children's musical promises to be lots of fun. The children have learned a few songs already, but it is not too late to join us! We will be practicing again on Dec. 1 (during Sunday School), Dec. 7 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and from 10:00-11:30 on Dec. 14. After the rehearsal on the 14th, the kids will stay another hour and make gingerbread houses! Please mark your calendars and join

in the fun!

Cookie & Craft Sale – This year's Cookie & Craft Sale is on Dec. 14 from 9a-noon. Cost is \$8/ lb and crafts are variable priced. A sign up sheet is posted for cookies, treat, and craft donations. Let's aim for 25 different varieties of cookies! Please write down what you would like to donate so we don't have multiples of the same.

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

Sparks – The Sparks will hold their December gathering on Dec. 8 at 4pm. Details are still being finalized but we are planning to sing Carols at a local nursing home then meet back at the church for activities.

Winter Weather Notice – Please note that if a LEVEL 2 OR LEVEL 3 SNOW EMERGENCY is issued by the Medina County Sheriff's Office, the Church will be closed and there will be no services.

New **Our Daily Breads** are available on the back counter.

Luminaries - We are in need of 1/2 gallon and gallon clear milk jugs. If you would be willing to save what you have or use, please rinse them out and bring them to church. You can place them on the counter in the kitchen. We will do the rest! Please help make our church look beautiful this Christmas Eve!

Adopt a Family - We will be sponsoring our annual adopt a family through the Highland Community Support Network this Christmas. The Christmas Tree is in the back of the sanctuary. A tag can be taken, purchase item, return unwrapped with gift receipt by Sun. Dec. 15.