

~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH No. 196
If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the "little church" to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

*Call to Worship
Leader: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

People: Watch for this gift!

Leader: Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

People: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.

Leader: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

People: Praise be to God for such lavish love. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. Fill us with holy anticipation, that we might be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath "Centered in Hope" by: Baldwin Family
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (vs. 1) UMH #206

Song of Praise "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" Sung by: Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time "Be Prepared" 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.

Offering "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring"
Arr. by: J. S. Bach

*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 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 33:12-16 p. 732
Romans 8:18-25 p. 1043
Luke 1:26-38 p. 944

Message "Anticipation is Keepin' Me Waitin'" Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Sharing in the Lord's Supper UMH #12

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH #569

*Benediction

To all the corners of the world, God is bringing God's blessing. Be ready! Watch! For the time is near; Salvation is at hand. Be at peace in the arms and love of God. Amen.

*Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" with "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Arr. by Tom Fettke

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Nancy Vogel
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore
Falconer

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
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.

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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

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December 1, 2019

Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Mon	7p	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary	see Millie F.
Tues	10a 3:30p 7p	Prayer Shawl Grp scout mtg Unanswered study	Fellowship Hall	see Janet R.
Weds	1p 3:30p 6p	Worship Committee mtg scout mtg scout mtg	Conference rm. Conference rm.	see Nancy V. See Nancy B.
Thurs	10a 7p	Christian Atheist Study Choir practice	Conference rm. Sanctuary	See Randy R. see Millie F.
Sat	8a 10a 10a	Men's Breakfast Christmas musical practice Book Club	St. Paul's Conference rm	see Paul T. see Millie F. see Nancy V.

Upcoming Events

12/12	10a	Because of Bethlehem Study begins
12/14	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale
12/15		Children's Christmas musical
12/22	3p	Blue Christmas Service
12/24	7p	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pick up your December newsletter at the front door greeter station.

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!

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. **We are still in need of cookie/ treat donations**. 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.

Thursday morning study – 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!

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.