

~ Welcome ~

WE GATHER

Prelude

“The Star of Bethlehem”

By: Stephen Adams

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“We Three Kings”

UMH No. 254

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: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Leader: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!

People: Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

*Morning Prayer

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song of Praise

“Carol of the Epiphany”

Sung by: Choir

by John Bell

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

“New Beginnings”

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

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

By: Charles Wesley

*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 31:7-14

p. 728

Ephesians 1:3-14

p. 1079

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 890

Message

“Fit for a King, or How Big is Your Frypan?”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Sharing in the Lord’s Supper

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WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“The First Noel”

UMH No. 245

*Benediction

O Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are no substitute for the loyalty of our everyday lives. As we leave and go out from here, enable us to serve your creation and others as we have worshiped you, with ourselves as well as our gifts.

*Postlude

“Star of the East”

By: Amanda Kennedy

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Dave Piehl
Bill Baldwin, Ann Passmore
Chloe & Mason Brosch

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.

www.sharoncenterumc.org

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

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Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

January 5, 2020

Pastor Jane Piehl

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Prayer List

Dora Barnes
Norma Bates

Richard Lewis

Guy & Wanda Quick
Mary Jane Winters

This Week

Mon No bells practice
Tues No prayer shawl grp mtg
3:30p Scout mtg
Thurs No Choir practice

Upcoming Events

1/12 2p Sparks to Toboggan outing
1/14 7p "Grace is Greater" study begins Conference rm. See Nancy V.
1/26 All church meeting following service.
2/2 Sub Sandwich Sale See Nikki F.
2/9 Valentine Care packages for college students deadline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trays are on kitchen counter from Cookie Sale. Please pick up.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch will be going to *Dewey's Pizza*, 3265 Fairlawn, OH on Jan. 16, 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!

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.

Sub Sandwich Sale – Our Annual Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sandwich Sale will be Feb. 2. Order forms are available. All subs are by donation and this year's donations will go to supporting our Sparks Youth Group activities.

Valentine Care packages for college students – Let the office know of college students and addresses by Feb. 2. We would also like to treat with a box any of our church family that are currently deployed/ training military members, please let the office know their names and addresses. Deadline for treats and goodies collection is Feb. 9.

Tuesday evening study – We will start discussing *Grace is Greater* by Kyle Idleman on Jan. 14 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

Sparks - On Sunday, January 12, 2020 the Sparks and families from Sharon Center United Methodist Church will travel to The Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation, 16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville to experience the ICY THRILL of tobogganing the 700-foot refrigerated ice chutes! We will meet up at the church at 2 PM. Youth attending without a parent must have a permission form completed before we leave. Requirements are that you wear gloves and be at least 42" tall. The cost is \$10 per child and \$12 per adult with scholarships available so that everyone can participate. We will return to the church by 5 PM. Paul Turner will be bringing his camp stove for making hot chocolate and snacks. We will need all kids to RSVP so that we make sure we have enough adults. All are welcome to participate in this SPARKS ADVENTURE! See Pastor Jane for Permission Forms and Scholarships. (330) 321-4700 or janepiehl@gmail.com.

Cookie Sundays Sign up and Greeter Sign up sheets are posted for 2020.

All Church meeting – On Sun. Jan 26, immediately following the service we will have an all church meeting.