

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

September 2020

We Will Not Be Stopped

We began the slow process of bringing our beloved Sharon Center UMC community together in the last few weeks. We have been meeting virtually using YouTube and Facebook since the COVID19 pandemic first began in the middle of March. We then moved to the front porch and front lawn of the church in the warm summer months, and now we are gathering in our Sanctuary again, with masks, every-other-pew seating, sanitizer and distance helping to slow the spread of COVID19. The support of everyone during this time has been amazing!

God's people - our community - has always gathered, knowing that whenever two or more of us who follow Christ gather, Christ is among us. That might be in a building, or it might be in the woods, on the sidewalk, or anywhere. It says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." But that doesn't stop us from longing to hug one another and come together more frequently in celebration and in support of each other. We just need to be patient.

God's people continue to gather in persecution and in pandemic. The church has survived thousands of years and it will continue until Jesus comes back. We will not be stopped through the power of the Holy Spirit!

There are still a lot of unknowns in our lives, but we need to fix our eyes on the things that are eternal: Jesus promised to never leave us and he's with us today and always; at the end of our time on earth, those that call on the name of the Lord will be saved and when they die will be with him immediately and forever. The Bible is the Word of God, and every word is from Him. He is our rock and our redeemer, our comforter and helper in times of trouble. The circumstances we are facing are temporary – God's Word is eternal! My hope is in Him.

We will continue to send out quick reminders on Fridays, and the newsletter will publish once a month with the big news. God is still on the throne and prayer changes things!

Blessings,

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 Music Director

With every door that closes, a new one opens up. We may not be singing for the moment, but that's not going to keep us from ringing! Our bell choir will begin rehearsing on Saturdays from 10am to 11am on Oct. 10. You can wear a mask and wear gloves and social distance. Won't you come join us? And the new door that will open up is a junior bell choir! Yes, that's right! Our Sunday school age children are invited to join our new junior bell choir. We will be rehearsing Saturdays beginning Oct. 10 from 9:30am-10am (right before the adults). Both groups will aim for performances around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Come join us and help us ring merrily! Questions? Call the head ding-a-ling (Millie) at (330) 239-2032.

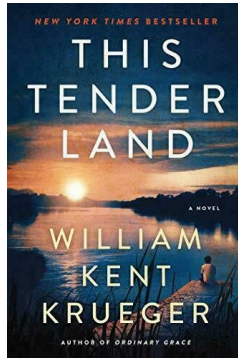
~ Millie Frambaugh

Book Club

The Book Club has not stopped reading this year, however, we had to have discussion via email until we could meet in person again. I hope each of you are continuing to read books - it takes your mind away from COVID 19!

In April we discussed *The Life She Was Given* by: Ellen Marie Wiseman, in May and July were historical fiction: *Hanging Mary: A Novel* by: Susan Higginbotham and *Burial Rites: A Novel* by: Hannah Kent. In August we talked about *The Library Book* by: Susan Orlean. Ok, I know some of you will ask. "What about the June book?" Well it was decided by the Club to never recommend that book to anyone!

The book for September which will be discussed on September 12th is *This Tender Land* by: William Kent Krueger. It covers the summer of 1932 when four orphans from the Lincoln School in Minnesota are forced to flee and try and find a place where they are accepted and can live peacefully.



You may want to start the October book: *Tell Me No Lies: A Lady Dunbridge Novel*. The widow Lady Dunbridge comes to New York for the social season. She becomes involved in helping to solve the untimely death of a young business tycoon.
~Nancy Vogel

Help Needed

We are in need of extra computer system runners for Sunday morning services. Everything is pre set in advance. It mostly just requires arriving around 10am to turn on projectors, microphones and test mic's then click slides during the service. If you can help let the office know.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Youtube in afternoon

September

9/4 9a Radio Test

9/12 8a Men's Study

9/12 10a Book Club

9/13 3p-7p Scout Bridging Ceremony

9/22 7p Chosen Study

9/29 7p Chosen Study

September Birthdays

4 - Sherri Buck

Jill Cline

6 - Gary Smith

8- Barb Moore

9 - Nikki Danko

12 - Mark Shick

Jacob Russell

Deanna Pylypiak

13 - Charlene Baker

14 - Sue Kelly

Chaze Wemmer

17 - Kennedy Breese

19 - Mya Chappell

20 - Kenzee Danko

22 - Isaac Highman

Coraline Falconer

23 - Elise Lautenschleger

26 - Evan Lautenschleger

Dick Lewis

Rachel Nelson

September Anniversaries

3 - Warren & Jean Geitgey

6 - Jim & Janice Jones

10- Pastor Jane & Dave Piehl

19 - Kerry & Jill Cline

23 - Lloyd & Pattie Fiste

25 - Joe & Aimee Brosch

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

The Chosen will be the first study this fall. It is a television drama about the life of Christ. It was first released in April 2019 and is on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. All of the biblical and historical content support the truth and intention of the Scriptures.

The characters of those who knew Christ are well developed and you feel you know them. They become your friends! You hear of their daily struggles and laugh with them. I have watch the episodes several times and each time I have learned something new. I tried to determine which episode I liked the best but I keep changing my mind. I look forward to seeing it again and getting a chance to talk with my church family about the episodes.

Come and join the Tuesday evening study at 7:00pm in the Conference Room of the church. Due to the length of the videos we will be meeting til approximately 8:30pm. We are starting the study on September 22nd and will complete it on November 10th.

~ Nancy Vogel

Men's Group

The Men's Study Group is going to resume meetings this fall/winter/spring but under new guidelines. We will meet 8AM the second Saturday of the month beginning Sept. 12 at Sharon Center UMC. We will get a pot of coffee going but we won't be cooking food. Your welcome to bring your own breakfast. We will be following church policies and procedures for Covid-19. We haven't selected a program yet but will do shortly and let everyone know.

~ Paul Turner

Special Thanks!

We are so grateful to Ken Ullery for his hard work as our Webmaster and Video Producer of our weekly services beginning last March. Without him we would not have had the wonderful YouTube Channel and online Worship Services that have kept us going these months. His creativity, patience and flexibility have been so appreciated. THANK YOU KEN! Also thank you to everyone who created videos for us - Sunday School Teachers, Soloists, Scripture Readers, and anyone I missed!

Scouts



Cub Scout Troop 3411 held a "Scout Sign Up Open House" on Tuesday, September 1 from 6 to 8p in Fellowship Hall. The Pack and Dens have been meeting during the COVID19 pandemic in creative ways and have continued to advance the Scouts in rank. The Pack will be

using Sharon Center UMC building and Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings for various activities and we welcome them! The youth are our future leaders of tomorrow and we want to support them.



New undie collection and school supply collection



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a



Blessing of Backpack Sunday



Service on the lawn