

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

November 2020

Dear Sharon Center UMC Family,

Meditating is nothing more than thinking about something over and over again. Some people have even said that worry is a form of meditation – it's meditating on things we have no control over. A good Bible verse for lifting your spirits may include Isaiah 40:31: "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." As we face the eighth month of wearing facemasks, social distancing and hand sanitizing due to COVID19, I am reminded of people from the Bible who waited on the Lord for long periods of time before their prayers were answered.

Joseph is the first one that came to mind. He dreamed of being a leader, and then was sold into slavery by his brothers and shipped off to Egypt. His story took many twists and turns as he found himself in prison, far from home, and yet he continued to seek God and follow God's commands. God was with him, and Joseph was reunited with his family, but it was many years later. There were times when Joseph was angry, frustrated, and disappointed but he was faithful to follow God until God's timing was revealed.

Job also waited on God for months and months when he lost his wife, his children, his wealth and his health. Job cried out to God in his suffering and God heard his cries. David waited to become King while he ran from Saul and his army; Abraham waited to become a Dad; Jesus waited to begin his ministry. There seems to be a lot of waiting in the Bible. Knowing that others waited encourages me to stay the course, continue to pray and seek God as we look for an end to this pandemic. Joshua 1:9 reminds us to "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Whatever the season brings us, we can be sure that God is faithful, and he will keep his promise to be with us as we wait. Let's give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us.

Happy Thanksgiving and God's richest blessings to you and your family,

*Pastor Jane*



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## 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!*

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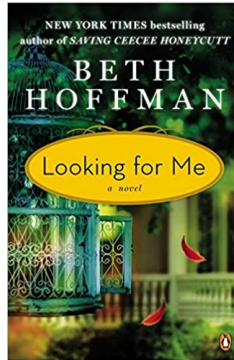
## A Note from the Music Director

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 practice Nov. 7, 21 and perform Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. Children's Choir has been postponed til Spring. Come join us and help us ring merrily! Questions? Call the head ding-a-ling (Millie) at (330) 239-2032.

~ Millie Frambaugh

## Book Club

In November we will be reading *Looking for Me* by: Beth Hoffman. The main character, Teddi, has a life passion in restoring antiques which she then sells in her store in Charleston. She enjoys her work but is haunted by her brother Josh's disappearance. Teddi is drawn back to her home in KY when signs emerge that Josh may still be alive. Date of discussion is November 7th.



The December book is by Annie England Noblin and titled *Pupcakes - A Christmas Novel*. The story is about an aging pug and his very human family. The date for this discussion is Saturday, December 5, at 10am in the Fellowship Room of the church.

~Nancy Vogel



## Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat is on for Sharon Center Circle! We will be collecting prepackaged candy to pass out on Oct. 31 from 4p-6p

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Please have your packed Operation Christmas Child Boxes packed and ready for prayer on Sunday morning, November 15 and delivery to the clearinghouse. Donations are needed to offset the cost of shipping. Each box costs about \$9 to ship. Empty boxes and labels are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Please consider filling one today to brighten the heart of a child overseas with the gospel message and gifts from the heart.



## Hanging of the Greens



The hanging of the greens will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 10AM. All are welcome to join us as we decorate the Sanctuary, halls and spaces for the Advent season. There will be no children's program or lunch this year due to COVID 19. We will need volunteers to carry the trees, hang the wreaths and spread the cheer! Please come and decorate for the season.

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Youtube in afternoon

## November

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|------------------------|--|
| 11/1                   | All Saints Sunday                              |
| 2p                     | Church Charge                                  |
| Conference mtg         |  |
| 11/3 7p                | Chosen Study                                   |
| 11/5 7p                | Good Grief Gathering                           |
| 11/7 10a               | Book Club                                      |
| 10a                    | Bell Choir practice                            |
| 11/10 7p               | Chosen Study                                   |
| 11/11 7p               | Leadership mtg                                 |
| 11/12 7p               | Good Grief Gathering                           |
| 11/15                  | OCC Shoebox deadline                           |
| 11/17 7p               | Movie Night— <i>Secrets of Jonathon Sperry</i> |
| 11/19 7p               | Good Grief Gathering                           |
| 11/21 8a               | Men's Study Grp                                |
| 10a                    | Adult Bell practice                            |
| 11/22 4p               | Thanksgiving                                   |
| Service at Granger UMC |  |
| 11/28 10a              | Hanging of Greens                              |

## November Birthdays

- 1 – Ken Ullery
- 2 - Kathy Hoose  
Grace Pylypiak
- 3 - Natalie Sewell
- 6 - Matt Mravetz
- 7 - Marge Raw
- 12 - George Hoose  
Scott Danko
- 13 - Deanna Russell  
Jacqui Russell
- 15 - Daniel Buck
- 18 - Nancy Baldwin
- 19 - Chance Farnsworth  
Kathy Shaw  
Diane Meckes  
Dawn Kehres
- 21 - James Sikon
- 24- Hoyt Pylypiak  
Celia Pylypiak
- 26 - Jack Breese

## November Anniversaries

## Foundations Team

### Spiritual Growth Discussions

We started the study of *The Chosen* on September 22nd. It will continue until November 10th. Please feel free to join us at any time for the viewing of an episode followed by group discussion.

*The Chosen* 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 7pm in the Conference Room of the church. Do to the length of the videos we will be meeting til approximately 8:30pm.

Mark your calendars now for the Advent Bible Study on Tuesday evenings. It will be coordinated by Randy Raw. We will be studying *Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. It is a four-week study and will start on **December 1st** at 7pm in the Conference Room. Books are available now. Please see Nancy Vogel to purchase.

~ Nancy Vogel

## Men's Group

The Men's Study Group will meet at 8AM on November 21 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. 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. The program is Man Alive.

~ Paul Turner



## Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 PM

Location: Granger United Methodist Church,  
1235 Granger Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

A joint service with St. Paul Lutheran Church, Remsen Christian Church, Sharon Center United Methodist and Granger United Methodist Church

Join us as we give thanks! In person or live-streamed.

An offering will be collected of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned milk and potatoes

## Mission Focus

During November we will collect and make International Health Kits for the Midwest Mission.

Items needed per kit are:

1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels

1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen dishcloths

1 Razor - with guard

1 Nail Clippers - No nail files or emery boards

10 Band-aids - 3/4" x 3"

1 Adult Toothbrush - in original covering - no multipacks

1 Toothpaste - 2.5 oz. or larger (No need to purchase as I have 28 tubes available)

1 Bar Soap - 3 to 4 oz.

Place items in 1-gallon re-sealable plastic bag Please do not add any items other than those listed above. You may want to purchase all items or just a few. All donations are welcome and needed. All donations must be into the church by Sunday, November 29th in order to get them to the collection site for pickup by the Midwest Mission.

Thank you for your donations!

~ Nancy Vogel

## Pantry Pick Of The Month

As we enter Fall and the holiday season, we will focus again on supporting our local food pantry that directly supports our friends and neighbors in Sharon Center, Sharon Township and Medina County. Please bring in items for donation to St. Paul's Pantry including canned goods, pasta meals, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly. Thanksgiving is November 26 – let's bless our neighbors with an overflow of nutritious food!



## Shop and Support Your Church at No Extra Cost



What Is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile offers all of the same items, prices, and benefits of its sister website, Amazon.com, but with one distinct difference. When users shop on AmazonSmile, the retailer's Foundation contributes 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. For frequent Amazon users, this additional perk is a great way to give back to our church effortlessly. Here are some things to remember.

The Internet address is [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). But the company uses the term AmazonSmile in its explanatory information.

- If you already have an Amazon account, when you click on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you will be asked to sign in. If you don't have an account, you will need to set one up. It doesn't cost anything to set up an Amazon account.
- Once signed into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you will be prompted to pick a charity. You can select Sharon Center United Methodist Church. Once you do that, a percentage of your purchase price on many, but not all, items will be donated to the church. You must remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop for all of this to work. So, consider bookmarking the site. This is an easy, simple way for the church to benefit from your shopping at no extra cost to you! Sign up today!





Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the wonderful gifts and cards for Pastor Appreciation Month. What a joy it is to receive such wonderful words of support and encouragement! The gifts were very generous. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and look forward to continuing to serve God together with you as we shine our light in the name of Jesus!  
~ *Pastor Jane*

## Adopt a Family

We will begin collecting for the local adopt a family program the end of November. Details coming soon.



## Veterans Day

We will honor our Veterans on Nov. 8 during the service. If you would like to submit a photo of a veteran (family, friend, living, or deceased) please submit them by Nov. 6. Emailed to [sharoncenterumcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sharoncenterumcsecretary@gmail.com) is preferred. If you've submitted one in the past check with Nikki because I do keep them from year to year.

## Movie Night

Nov. 17 we will be showing the movie *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*. It is a family friendly movie and we will be watching (socially distanced) in the sanctuary.



# Community Thanksgiving Service

at Granger UMC

November 22

4p



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a



## Good Grief Gathering

A ministry of Sharon Center United Methodist Church  
6407 Ridge Road  
Sharon Center, Ohio

Everyone is welcome! We will meet on Thursday, October 15, 2020 through November 19, 2020 from 7 to 8PM in Fellowship Hall. COVID19 practices will be followed. Leaders: John and Lori Weiss, Pastor Jane Piehl. There is no cost. All materials will be provided. This is a safe place where there is no blaming, no shaming and no judgement.

This group is for anyone who is experiencing grief or sadness. There are lots of life changes that might make you consider joining the group:

- Loss of a loved one due to death, divorce or other separation
- Grief due to loss and changes to in our daily activities due to COVID19
- Loss of employment
- Unable to be with a loved one when they die, or mourn the loss
- Changes in lifestyle including illness of yourself or a loved one

Why attend?

- 1) It's a safe place where you can go and talk about how you are feeling.
- 2) People in the group understand what you're saying when many of your friends and family members don't.
- 3) You will make new friends in a grief support group where are bonds formed that become very valuable when you're having a tough time and you need someone to talk to.
- 4) It's a place where people can share coping strategies. Some people who farther along in their grief journey can make suggestions about what worked for them and provide ideas and options, reading material, etc.

Questions? Contact the office at (330) 239-1616 or email [sharoncenterUMCsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sharoncenterUMCsecretary@gmail.com)  
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