

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

April 2021

Dear friends:

Today is the first day of astronomical Spring – March 21 – the day we mark as the beginning of a season of warmer temperatures, flowers blooming, trees budding and more outdoor activities. This astronomical change happens because the earth's position in relation to the sun changes. After March 21, the rays of the sun will shift north of the equator, and we will enjoy more of the light and warmth. Springtime always energizes me and lifts my spirit.

The shift we feel in our own lives as we change our position in relation to the son of God, Jesus, is something that is equally life changing. Our position used to be self-centered, self-focused and comfort-based but all that changes when we make Jesus the Lord of our lives. As a disciple of Jesus, we serve others, think first of those around us, fight for the needs and wants of others, and seek mercy and justice. Just as the position of the sun changes the earth slowly, the position of the SON in relation to your life your slowly into the person God has called you to be. This is called sanctification, and I am especially thankful for the way that God is shaping and molding me every day.

The Beatitude Prayer Labyrinth will begin monthly walks in April. Our Labyrinth is now featured on the world-wide Labyrinth locator so that anyone in the community can use it anytime. As we continue to add improvements, we hope our community will use it and grow closer to God as a result.

Our Worship service continues to be recorded and shared on our website and Facebook page for everyone who is more comfortable at home. We are hopeful that soon we will be able to more freely gather as the restrictions are lifted and people are vaccinated. Many activities are still on hold until we gather more information. In the meantime, we pray and know that God has a plan.

Please join us for Holy Week Services on Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM as well as Easter Sunday morning for Sunrise at 7:00 AM and Celebration service at 10:30 AM. The services will also be recorded for viewing later.

1 Peter 1 : 3 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Jesus is alive, praise be to God!

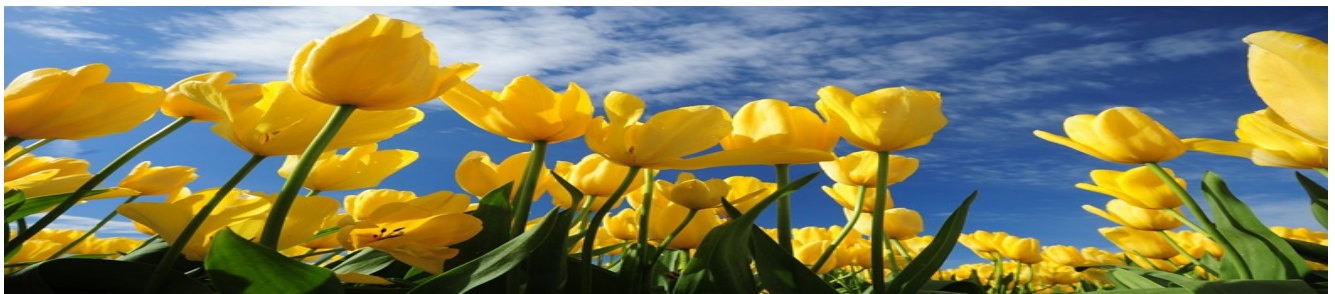
God be with you 'til we meet again,

Pastor Jane



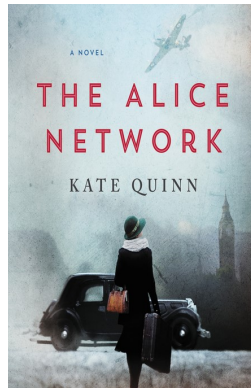
Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

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!



Book Club

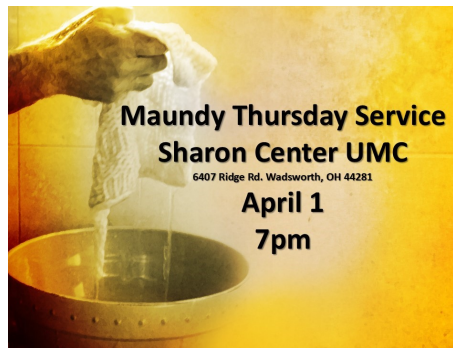
April 4th The book to be discussed is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. This book is historical fiction about Charlie, a young unmarried woman banish to Europe due to pregnancy in 1947. She decides to find out what happen to her cousin who disappeared in Nazi-occupied France during the war. In 1915 Eva becomes recruited to spy on the Germans. Thirty years later Charlie and Eva meet.



The book to be discussed on May 5th is *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. It is about the scary but true story of the poison that made people glow in the dark, During 1914-1918 hundreds of young women spent their days painting watch dials with glow-in-the dark radium paint. Suddenly they started suffering from a mysterious illness that cast them into the center of a deadly scandal.
~Nancy Vogel

Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1
7:00 PM



Good Friday Service
Friday, April 2
7:00 PM

Sparks

Stay tuned for upcoming activities.

Men's Study Group

The Men's Study Group will meet at 8:30AM on May 1 via zoom Contact Paul Turner or the office for a link. The program is *Man Alive*.
~ Paul Turner

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Youtube in afternoon

March

3/30 7p Les Mis Study

April

4/1 7p Holy Thursday Service

4/2 7p Good Friday Service

4/4 7a Sunrise Service at the

Labyrinth

10:30a Traditional Easter Service

4/6 7p *Be Like Jesus* Study

4/13 7p *Be Like Jesus* Study

4/15 7p Grief Group

4/18 7p Labyrinth Walk

4/20 7p *Be Like Jesus* Study

4/22 7p Grief Group

4/27 7p *Be Like Jesus* Study

4/29 7p Grief Group

April Birthdays

- 1 - Josh Courtright
- 3 - Lois Berry
- 5 - Debra Russell
- 10 - Bobbie Davis
Cora Breese
- 12 – Quinton Brady
- 13 - George Wemmer
- 17 - Veronica Shaw
Randy Eales
- 18 – Mason Haddix
- 23 - Donna Nagy
- 24 - Craig Kehres
- 29 - Heather Lahoski

April Anniversaries

Address Updates

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Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Be Like Jesus is the study that will begin on April 6th and continue for eight weeks. This study written by Randy Frazee is to help us transform our thoughts and actions so we can become more like Jesus-the person whom God intended you to be. The Mravetz's will coordinate this study. In person discussions of the studies are in the Conference Room of the church on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.

~ *Nancy Vogel*

Mission Focus

During the month of April we will be collecting items for UMCOR Cleaning Kits - commonly call Flood Buckets. We would like to have 8 kits ready to take to the District Collection Site the first week in May. A list of the items needed to sign up for is available on our sign ups page at our website www.sharoncenterumc.org or at the back of the sanctuary, and flyer attached to this newsletter. Please remember to purchase only the size and type of the items listed as all supplies need to fit into a five-gallon bucket. Please bring all items to the church or contact the church office to pickup supplies from your home. Financial contributions can be given via the collection plate or website. If you are using a check please make it out to the church. Mark all contributions, (cash, church, web site), "For UMCOR Kits".

Food Pantry Collection

For the month of April we will be collecting canned or jars of fruit. They can be dropped off on Sundays or throughout the week to the church.



Toiletries Collection for Hospice

The Hospice Group Pastor Jane works with is collecting body wash, lotion, liquid hand soap, soap, creams, powder, shampoo/conditioner, nail polish, aftershave for Hospice patients. They don't have to be brand new, maybe have been purchased but don't want anymore.

Easter Flowers

See the attached order form to purchase Easter Flowers. Order form is due March 28. Flowers can be picked up anytime after Easter Services.

The Labyrinth Beatitude Walks

once a month from April to October, beginning Sunday, April 18 at 7:00-8:00 PM, weather permitting. Our focus for this walk will be Matthew 5 : 3 "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor."



Grief Group

For those experiencing loss

This is a safe place where you can come and talk about how you are feeling after a loss.

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

Date: Starts Thursday, April 15 at 7pm

Location: Sharon Center UMC, Fellowship Hall

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281

Leaders: John & Lori Weiss, Pastor Jane

Youth Summer Camp

United Methodist Church Youth Summer Camp will have info and visit sessions in April. More details available at <https://www.eocumc.com/camps/summercamp2021html>





Easter Flower Order Form



Yes, believe it or not, Spring is on it's way! Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter morning by purchasing Spring Flowers. Once the Easter Service is over, you may take them home with you. Flowers may be purchased in Honor of, Celebration of, or Memory of those you love. What a beautiful way to remember someone!

This year we will be ordering Daffodils, Tulips, Lilies, and Begonias

Lilies \$9.25 Quantity ordered _____

Daffodils \$8.25 Quantity ordered _____

Tulips \$8.25 Quantity ordered _____

Begonias \$9 Quantity ordered _____

Orders are due by March 28 to ensure adequate supply. Please fill out the following form and return to the office, the collection plate, or Nancy Baldwin with payment included.

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

The prices vary on the products, so please make sure when you take your flowers after Easter services, that you take what you ordered.

Easter Services

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service @ 7a- Outside at our Labyrinth

Traditional Service @ 10:30a

Contact Us

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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