

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

May 2021

Dear Community of Faith:

Prayer is important to Jesus and to the followers of Jesus. There are over 650 different prayers recorded in the Bible, and prayer is mentioned over 600 times depending on what translation of the Bible you are reading. Jesus commanded his disciples to "watch and pray". I Thessalonians 5:17 is one of the shortest verses in the Bible, and the NIV says: "Pray continually." The Passion Translation says, "Make your life a prayer." I like the idea of my life being a prayer, that everything I say or do would be in an attitude of an awareness of Christ beside me, Christ within me, Christ before me, Christ behind me. Lord, how can I get to a place where my life is a prayer?

I think the first step is to start. I don't think it means that we go about our day chanting prayers and throwing ashes on our head, but I can increase my awareness of his presence throughout me day. I could have a place of prayer in my home, a special chair or a special place on my mantel where I bring my requests to the Lord. Daniel used to pray three times a day, morning, mid-day and evening. Do you pray before you go to bed? When you get up? Before you eat?

We are blessed with a prayer Labyrinth in our own backyard. The Labyrinth doesn't require that you do anything other than walk and be silent, and perhaps have an open heart to hear God speak. I encourage you to walk the Labyrinth by yourself or come to one of our monthly community walks. Perhaps a walk on the Labyrinth could be your first step to increasing the time you spend in prayer.

I encourage you to consider getting a COVID19 vaccine. A website that might be helpful is www.vaccinefinder.org. It is my hope that as more people get vaccinated, we will be able to meet more freely. We continue to wear masks, keep 6' between one another, sanitize our hands and stay home if we don't feel well, and offer our Worship on YouTube.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

God be with you 'til we meet again,

Pastor Jane



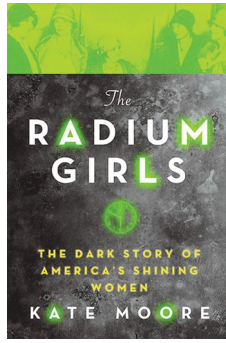
Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

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

The book will be discussed on May 5th *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 to glow-in-the dark with radium paint. Suddenly they started suffering from a mysterious illness that cast them into the center of a deadly scandal.



The Orphan Collector by Ellen Marie Wiseman is the Book Club's selection for June. It is a heroic novel of survival during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. The story is set in Philadelphia during this deadly outbreak that infected one-third of the world's population. The book will be a chance to compare what happened during the 1918 pandemic and what is happening in the world today. The book will be discussed on Saturday, June 5th at 10:00am in the Conference Room. Come and join us!
~Nancy Vogel

Sharon Showcase

Sharon Center United Methodist Church, partnering with Troop 411 and Cub Scout Pack 3411, will have space at the Sharon Showcase Event on June 12, 2021. We will be giving away information about the church and bottles of water. The Scouts will have demonstrations of outdoor skills and camping. We will need volunteers from 11 to 5 for two hours at a time. This is an easy and fun way to help! Look for sign-up sheets soon!

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Bob Mravetz is leading this event to feed the community pancakes in celebration of summer and raise funds to assist families in need in the Highland School District. We'll need everyone's help, to cook, clean up and EAT PANCAKES TOO! Mark your calendar for May 31 today.

Graduation Sunday

Join us after Worship on Sunday, June 6 on our Big Front Porch for cake and celebration for our graduates and their families. If you are graduating or someone in your family, let us know so we can celebrate too. All are welcome!

The Labyrinth Beatitude Walks

Join us for a walk on the Beatitude Prayer Garden's Labyrinth located behind the church at the rear of the parking lot. We will be focusing on the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5 and enjoying a time of quiet contemplation and prayer. May's walk will be Sunday, May 16 at 7:00 PM



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Youtube in afternoon

May

5/1	7p Men's Breakfast Study
	1p Labyrinth Sign Dedication
5/4	7p <i>Be Like Jesus</i> Study
5/6	7p Grief Group
5/9	Mother's Day
5/11	7p <i>Be Like Jesus</i> Study
5/13	7p Grief Group
5/16	7p Labyrinth Walk
5/18	7p <i>Be Like Jesus</i> Study
5/20	7p Grief Group
5/23	Pentecost Sunday
5/25	7p <i>Be Like Jesus</i> Study
5/31	7a-11a Memorial Day
	Pancake Breakfast

May Birthdays

1 - Makenzi Cavanaugh

3 - Erin Antonelli
Tom Boche

11 - David Zentiska
Debbie Ensor

15 - Lou Antonelli
Bob Pawlik

17 - Jackie Ingersoll

21 - Charlie Tramel

22 - Rylee Danko

25 - Andrea Stanec

26 - Darlene Franz

28 - Erin Keenan

30 - Donald Ensor
Betty Lewis

31 - Jo Ann Renner

May Anniversaries

25 - Jack & Christina Breese

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

The *Be Like Jesus* study continues until the end of May. 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 study are held in the Conference Room of the church on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.

~ *Nancy Vogel*

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. We will finish it up with Chapters 7 & 8. Sorry for combining the 2 chapters but they want the study returned so others can use it. The program is *Man Alive*.

~ *Paul Turner*

Mission Focus

Thank you for your donations of supplies for the UMCOR Cleaning Kits - commonly call Flood Buckets. We will be taking at least 8 kits to the District Collection Site the first week in May.

Food Pantry Collection

Pantry Pick of the month is Peanut Butter. Who doesn't love a PB & J for a picnic lunch while enjoying a cool breeze under the shade of a nearby tree? Peanut Butter is also good on apple slices, crackers and celery chunks. It's portable and packed with protein. Let's bless the pantry with some yummy peanut butter in May!

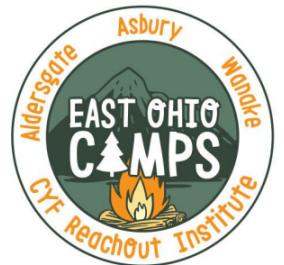


Toiletries Collection for Hospice

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.

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>



Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is May 23! Bring a red geranium, wear red, and we'll have other red surprises!



Grief Group

John and Lori Weiss and Pastor Jane continue facilitating the Good Grief Gathering on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall through May 20. Topics include expectations, feelings & emotions, the physical side of grief and making it through the holidays. Anyone experiencing any kind of loss, whether through death, job loss, relationships or separation are welcome.

Date: Continues through May 20 at 7pm
 Location: Sharon Center UMC, Fellowship Hall
 6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281
 Leaders: John & Lori Weiss, Pastor Jane

World Labyrinth Day



May 1, 2021

Join us at the Labyrinth for World Labyrinth Day on Saturday, May 1, at 1:00 for World Labyrinth Day! World Labyrinth Day is an annual event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society as a worldwide action to “walk as one at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy across the globe. Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

The Labyrinth Society has a labyrinth locator on their website at <https://labyrinthlocator.com/>. The church’s labyrinth can be found by anyone using this locator and we encourage the community to visit during daylight hours. Peace begins with prayer. “Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called the Children of God.” Matthew 5:9

There are many ways to participate in World Labyrinth Day:

- Walk a labyrinth at 1:00 p.m. local time to help create a rolling wave of peace passing from one time zone to the next around the globe.
- Walk alone or with others observing all applicable health protocols.
- Use a finger labyrinth.
- Create labyrinth art.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Date: 5/31

Time: 7a-11a

Location: Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH



Stop by before, during or after the
Sharon Center Parade and Ceremony

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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