

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

July/ August 2021

*From the Pastor:*

It's been wonderful to have our church community gathering again in-person. COVID19 cases have dropped and slowly folks are returning to in-person worship. We continue to be aware of those who have not been vaccinated and have continued to socially distance ourselves for Holy Communion and the Offering. Hebrews 10:25 says, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." What an encouragement! While it's still possible to encourage one another over Zoom, through letters, texts, emails and Facebook, there's nothing like encouragement that comes from being face-to-face. I believe God want us to find strength through relationships. The first step is Sunday Worship, and the next step is to be involved in a small group or serve in some way. Start with something small and see if God doesn't show up in a big way.

Summer is a time of slowing down and enjoying some rest and relaxation with family and friends. Sometimes it also means a time of solitude. God provided us with a great example of rest when He rested after creating the world and everything in it. Jesus often went away by himself to pray and rest. I encourage you to make some space in your life for rest. This is an area that I personally have struggled with and am getting better at it. Dave and I plan to take a few days in July for a needed vacation, and I have committed to a spiritual retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in August, along with a retreat with the Fellowship of Associate Ministers and Licensed Local Pastors at Lakeside. If I can do it, you can too. Hebrews 4:11 says, "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."

Planning is already underway for the Fall, with "Back to Church Sunday" on the calendar for September 19. We'll start up the Bible Study, Grief Group, Sparks and plan for some community events. I'd love for you to help! But first, rest.

Have a Blessed Summer,

*Pastor Jane*

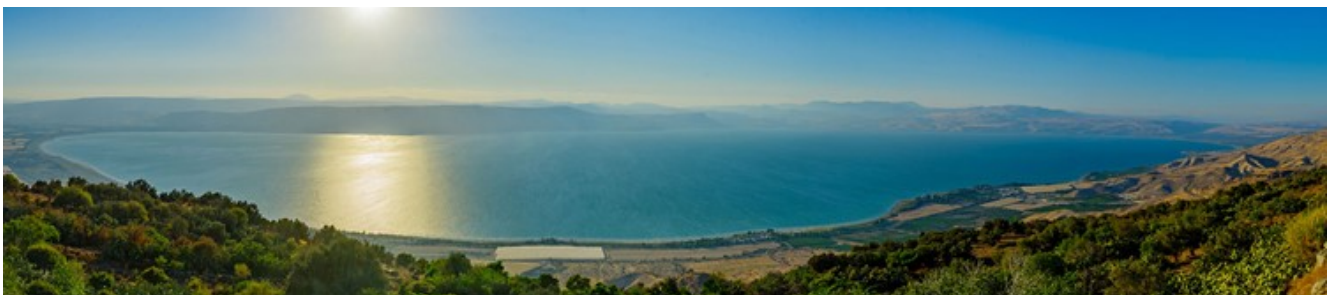


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## Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

*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!*

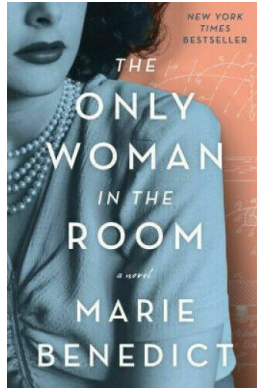
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## Book Club

July 10th we will discuss *Ship of Fools* by Katherine Anne Porter. Set in 1931 the book tells about people sailing from Mexico to Europe aboard a German passenger ship. The book is an allegory tracing the rise of Nazism.

August 7 *The Only Woman in the Room* by Maria Benedict A powerful book based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist Hedy Lamarr. *The Only Woman in the Room* is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked.



September 11th *The Daughters of Erietown* by Connie Schultz. The book talks about the struggles of the working class people in Ohio in 1957. The evolution of women's lives spanning the second half of the twentieth century is at the center of this beautiful novel that richly portrays how much people know—and pretend not to know—about the secrets at the heart of a town, and a family.

~Nancy Vogel

## Special Thanks

A big thank you for all the birthday cards I received on my birthday! It made my day! ~ Pat Shick

## Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

First of all a huge thanks to all of our kitchen and server crew who worked hard to make all of our guests at our Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast feel welcome and able to enjoy the Buttermilk Pancakes and Sausage. We had tables both indoors and outside, which kept our servers very busy, and we served nearly 300 people!

Thanks to a generous public who placed donations in the donation jar, we were able to present a check for \$1,072 to Highland Community Support Network.

“HCSN reports that they are delighted to share the generous check from Sharon Center UMC’s Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast to help 2 particular Sharon families in great need: a family who lost everything in the Ridgewood Road fire a few months ago, and another family who, through no fault of their own, has been hit extremely hard in multiple ways by the COVID situation. Thank you so much for your continuing support of HCSN and and the Highland community.”

Thanks also to our Sharon Township Trustees, who donated \$300 to help defray part of the cost of supplies for the Breakfast, and to Sharon Maintenance Garage for lending us the large cones and tape to mark off a safe dining area for our guests!

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Youtube in afternoon

### July

7/8-7/15 Pastor Jane out of town

7/10 10a Book Club

7/10 11a Wemmer Funeral

7/25 10:30a Christmas in July  
New Undie Sunday

### August

8/7 10a Book Club

8/13-8/15 Pastor Jane at Retreat

8/29 7p Labyrinth Walk

Address Update:

Dick & Betty Lewis  
1247 Ridge Run Ct.  
Wadsworth, OH 44281  
phone: 330-603-2830

\*If you have an address/ phone/ email update, please contact the office.

## July Birthdays

- 2 - Daniel Buck  
Janis Mravetz
- 5 - Terry Haddix
- 6 - Whitney Harrell
- 8 - Mary Jane Winters  
Raylan Boche  
Hadlee Boche  
Anna Boche
- 13 - Richard Nagy
- 17 - Oakley Kehres
- 19 - Loretta Frost
- 22 - Erin Spradlin
- 27 - Nancy Vogel
- 29 - Mary Ann Sewel
- 31 - Ashley Krauthaim  
Alissa Phelps

## July Anniversaries

- 3 - Joe & Sharon Fox
- 24 - Denny & Darlene Franz
- 25 - Dick & Jan Highman

## August Birthdays

- 3 - Scott Turner  
Doris Burdette  
Vicky Bogus
- 8 - Vern Ingersoll
- 9 - Mason Brosch
- 10 - Bill Mravetz  
Andy Pylypiak
- 15 - Mikayla Fox  
Chloe Falconer
- 17 - Julianne Kinford  
Stephen Kinford
- 19 - Dan Farnsworth
- 20 - Eric Raw
- 22 - Chad Tramel  
Eryn Tramel
- 24 - Paul Turner
- 28 - Lane Cline
- 31 - Janet Renner  
Warren Geitgey

## August Anniversaries

- 1 - Jeff & Shirley Graham
- 7 - Cal & Bobbie Davis
- 8 - Bob & Elaine Mravetz
- 11 - Nancy & Bill Baldwin
- 20 - Dick & Betty Lewis

## Foundations Team

### Spiritual Growth Discussions

The group will be taking a hiatus from weekly meetings during the summer months. Those of you who wish to continue your daily study of how to be like Jesus may want to read the book *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. The book is to take you 40 days to read. Each day you read about 7 pages. It discusses how to live out the foundational truths taught by Jesus. The truths are: Place the highest value on relationships. Love as Jesus loves you, Communicate from the heart, As you judge you will be judged, The greatest are the servants, and Treat others as you want them to treat you.

~ Nancy Vogel

## Food Pantry Collection

Pantry Pick of the month is Fruit. Fruit cups, canned fruit. All donations go to our local food pantry, the Sharing Center at St. Paul's Lutheran Church



## Acolyting

Is your child entering 2nd grade or higher this year and would like to acolyte? There is no age limit. Middle and High schoolers are welcome to participate also.

Contact Nicole Fox and we'll have a training session and they can acolyte this fall.

## 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. The next walk will be Sunday, August 29 at 7PM.



Tentative future Labyrinth walks (or walk any time):

September 19, 2021

October 10, 2021

## Christmas in July & New Undie Sunday

July 25 is Christmas in July and New undie Sunday! We will be collecting socks & underwear of all sizes, new in packages for the month of July to donate to local shelters.





## Update from the Leadership Team on Church Projects

You may have noticed several several large church projects in recent months. This seemed to be the year that things wore out or reached the point in which patching no longer was feasible. The Education Wing roof and both porch roofs were replaced. Ceiling damage in the Children's Sunday school room due to the roof leak was repaired. The projectors in the Sanctuary were replaced (thank you Stephen!), and the south flower bed was weeded, planted with lovely geraniums, and mulched, along with plantings at the Beatitudes Prayer Labyrinth. Both sets of steps on the south side of the church to the front and side entrances were replaced, repaired in several spots, and sealed. We have been blessed with a number of our church family volunteers who gave generously of their time, their gifts and skills, and a lot of sweat labor to help with these projects. A special thanks to Randy Raw, who coordinated the roof and steps replacement, to the wonderful team of weeders, planters, and mulchers, and to George and Charlie Wemmer for their repair of the Children's Sunday School room. In addition, we were blessed by several local businesses who discounted materials or labor costs, or waived delivery fees, and kept the church's expenses for these large projects as low as possible. Our thanks to the Grid Iron Guys, Brett at Copley Tool Rental, and Rick Sulzner of Sulzner Construction, and to our dedicated helpers who took to heart Jesus's call to serve!

~ Leadership Team

## Special Guests during Summer Services

Join us throughout the summer as we welcome a few guests that will participate in our services. Sunday, July 11, Nancy Vogel and Millie Frambaugh will update us on Annual Conference. Sunday, August 15, Rev. Dr. Larry Morrison will give the message during the service. July 18, 25, and August 1, Ruth Hall, a former member of Sharon Center UMC will play the organ during the services. We look forward to welcoming them to Sharon Center UMC.



Flipping Pancakes!



Sidewalk chalk drawing for Pancake Breakfast



Making baby bed sheets



# Christmas in July

July 25

10:30am

*Dress festive and we'll be  
singing Christmas carols*



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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