

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

September 2021

*From the Pastor:*

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Dear Friends,

I read a daily meditation from "Healing After Loss – Daily Meditations from Working Through Grief" and today the topic was the "sacredness of the moment". To make a choice to live in the present moment is to realize that you don't have control over the past or the future, and to trust the past and the future to God our creator in whose hands are all times and all places.

Mindfulness is the power of living in the moment, embracing your current circumstances without judgment. The key to mindfulness is to actually turn into a really good observer. Using the five senses — sight, sound, smell, taste and touch — can be of great help in slowing down and living in the moment. When we draw our attention to each of our five senses, somehow other concerns and worries tend to fade into the background.

Summer is the season for watching our lawns, vegetable gardens, flowers and forests grow, bloom and produce a wide variety of amazing things to look at as well and eat. One of my favorite activities is to spend time walking along an outdoor path. In Japan there is a concept called "shinrin-yoku," (SHIN-RIN-YO-KU) which means "forest bathing." This process includes spending time in nature, stepping away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life promotes relaxation. The practice involves walking in nature and using the five senses as tools to connect to our natural surroundings. In a forest walk you may take time to notice the sounds of leaves or fallen branches crunching underneath your shoes or the gentle warmth peeking through the canopy of trees, the sounds of birds chirping, the wind on your face or the smell of flowers in bloom.

As we get ready to begin our Fall activities, we need to be mindful of God's presence in our lives every day. One way to do that is to pray. Prayer is conversation with God and the Bible has a lot to say about it, with Jesus as our best example.

We will be joining other Christians in Medina County for 30 days of prayer and fasting from September 12 through October 11, 2021 to pray strategically for our neighbors by name. You can participate by going to [www.awakenmedinaco.org](http://www.awakenmedinaco.org) and reading all of the materials as well as sign up to receive the names and addresses of ten people to pray for during those thirty days. I will be sharing on Sunday about prayer and fasting to prepare us for the thirty days. There will be a special service at the Medina Square on Saturday, September 18 at 5:30 to pray together and worship the Lord. We hope that everyone will join us!

May God draw you closer to him through prayer and the study of His Word, through the joining together in worship and through serving those in need.

In Christ Alone,

*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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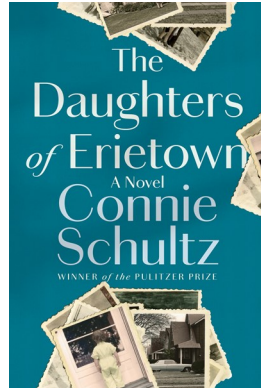


## Book Club

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.

October 2 *The Seine: The River that Made Paris* by Elaine Sciolino The author takes the reader on a tour of the length of the Seine and the people, places, and events that make the Seine a historical physical, and spiritual gem.

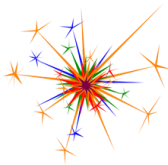
~Nancy Vogel



## Lunch Bunch

Several people have asked me about the restarting of Lunch Bunch. I had planned on restarting this Fall however with the current state of the COVID virus I have decided to hold off on scheduling at this time. Once we get through this pandemic we head out again for good fellowship and good food.

## SPARKS GATHERING



August: Rock Painting at the Labyrinth, Sunday August 29 at 3:30 PM. Everyone is welcome – not just for Sparks! We have 100 river rocks to paint for the Labyrinth and for people to take and leave as an invitation to join us for Worship at Sharon Center UMC!

September: Mission trip to the Akron Food Bank. Info to follow.

## Back to Church Sunday & Potluck Lunch

Let's get back into our fall activities with Back to Church Sunday! Bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch after church! Paper products and drinks will be provided.

## Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Fall Swiss Steak Dinner on Oct. 23 from 4p-7p. We'll have Swiss steak, Mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Carry out and Dine in available. Donation sheets and helper sheets will be out the beginning of Sept.



## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship  
available on Youtube in afternoon

## August

8/29 2:30p Sunday School

Teacher mtg

3:30p Sparks paint rocks

7p Labyrinth Walk

## September

9/5 Blessing of the Backpacks

9/8 7p Leadership Team mtg

9/11 10a Book Club

9/14 7p Jude Study

9/18 noon DS mtg at Poe

9a-5p Sharon Fall Fest

5:30p Awaken Service at

Medina Square

9/19 Back to Church Sunday

Potluck

7p Labyrinth Walk

9/21 7p Jude Study

9/28 7p Jude Study

9/30 7p Grief Group

## October

10/10 7p Labyrinth Walk

10/23 4p-7p Fall Dinner

Address update:

John & Eileen Smith

1605 Chestnut Rd.

Seven Hills, OH 44131

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

## September Birthdays

4 - Sherri Buck  
Jill Cline  
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

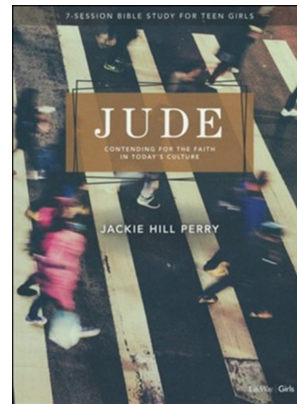
## September Anniversaries

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 first study for this church year is on the Book of Jude. It is only one chapter! Do you remember anything from this book? I do not. We will be studying this book for 7 weeks on Tuesday evenings starting on 9/14 at 7pm in the Conference Room of the church. The exact title is: *Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture* by Jackie Hill Perry.. Come and join the study anytime  
~ Nancy Vogel



## Food Pantry Collection

Sharon Center United Methodist Church continues to support St. Paul Food Pantry with our pick of the month: **canned soup!** The days are getting shorter and the air will be getting cooler so a well stocked pantry of soup is essential! It warms the heart, soul and stomach. Let's pick up an extra can or two for our friends who visit the pantry. Drop off in the back of the Sanctuary.



## 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

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, Sept. 5 for Blessing of the Backpacks! We'll have a special gift for students, teachers, and school workers.



## Grief Group

*Healing from loss begins one step at a time.*

### 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.

**September 30 – November 4, 2021**

**7:00 PM Thursdays**

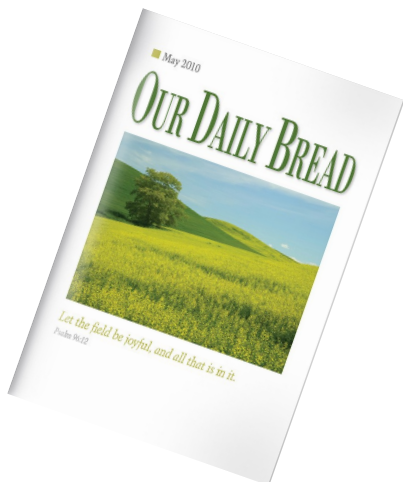
A six week support group led by John Weiss, Lori Weiss and Pastor Jane Piehl. Free to all. Conference Room, Sharon Center United, Methodist Church, 6407 Ridge Road.

## Treasurer Needed ASAP!

After a number of years of dedicated service to our church, our wonderful Treasurer, Eunice, needs to step down from her position to devote more time to family care issues. We are very much in need of someone who feels called to serve the church in this important manner! Eunice has simplified the position as much as possible by instituting auto-pay for many of the usual bills, and has worked closely with our Financial Secretary and the rest of the Leadership Team. She estimates that the position requires about 10 - 15 hours per month to complete usual duties like paying bills, recording deposits, running reports, etc., and she has graciously offered to mentor her replacement into the position and help out as needed in the first year. If interested or in need of further information, please contact Elaine or Eunice for a Job Description, and to answer any questions. Please prayerfully consider this service to our church and its mission! The sooner this position can be filled the sooner Eunice can begin the mentoring process.

## Our Daily Breads

The next quarter of *Our Daily Breads* devotionals are available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary.



## Service System Operators

Have a little Computer knowledge? We are looking for fill in Audio/ Computer operators for Sunday Services and other Special Services and events. It's always pre set up in advance and mostly just requires turning on the system and clicking through. Contact the office if you would like to help.



# AWAKEN 2021

## WHAT IS AWAKEN 2021?

Awaken 2021 is a multi-church movement of prayer and fasting unifying thousands of people to strategically pray for Medina County households by name. Many churches in Medina County are participating and Sharon Center UMC is one of them. Pastor Jane will be speaking about prayer and fasting on Sunday mornings to prepare for this special time of focused prayer for our community.

## WHY SHOULD I DO AWAKEN 2021?

The scriptures teach that there is a clear connection between faithful prayer and Spirit-filled revival and history reminds us that Spirit-filled revival nearly always begins when God's people humble themselves through prayer and fasting. Our cultural moment illuminates the reality that our world needs a Spirit-filled awakening. We believe awakening starts with the church, and then spreads because no person is beyond the reach of God's transforming love.

## WHEN IS IT?

**Sunday, September 12 – October 11, 2021** are the church-wide dates and there is power when we are praying at the same time.

## WHERE IS IT?

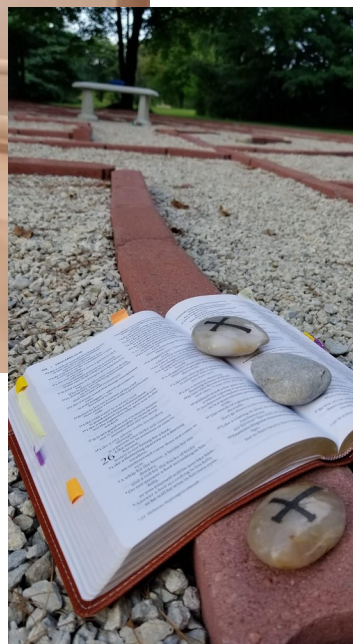
This month-long journey of prayer and fasting will take place wherever you are located day in and day out. In other words, this is not about a big event. Rather, this is about the Church being mobilized to pray in unity no matter where we are scattered each day as individuals. There will be a special service on the Medina Public Square on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for us all to pray together.

## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Register at [www.awakenmedinaco.org](http://www.awakenmedinaco.org) where you can see and print all the Awaken materials. There is an introduction guide and other resources and a place to sign up to receive ten names of people that you agree to pray for 30 days and send a post card. If you do not have access to a computer, please sign up in the back of the church and Nikki will get the information for you. When you sign up be sure to list Sharon Center UMC as your home church so that we know you are praying.



Children's Hospital Blanket drop off



Labyrinth Walk



New Undie Sunday Collection

# Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Date: October 23

Time: 4p-7p



Meal: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes,  
green beans, applesauce, roll,  
beverage, pie



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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