

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

October 2021

Dear Friends,

Autumn is my favorite season, filled with signs and symbols of God's faithfulness in caring for us as we see the harvest being gathered in the fields around us, see the abundance of examples of the beauty of God's creation in the colors of the leaves, feel the crisp cool air, and return to the rhythms of life. I love to carve a pumpkin, roast the seeds, and tell the story of how a pumpkin is like a Christian.

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." Psalm 126:5-6 NIV

This Scripture is a beautiful reminder that all of our sorrows and heartbreak will one day be completely redeemed. We've had a lot of heartbreak and loss during the last eighteen months, and we seek God's healing and hope for tomorrow. Seasons come and seasons go, but God remains faithful. In this world, we will all experience difficult circumstances, but we know that it is all temporary. Because we have that promise, we have the privilege of living as though these unseen promises are more real than our circumstances, because they are.

I'm looking forward to all of the Fall activities. Don't miss the Swiss Steak Dinner on October 23 from 4 to 7. It's a great community event and just plain good eating, too. We'll need extra hands to cook, serve and clean up and to eat, of course. We'll also need donations of candy to stuff our treat bags for the big Treat Giveaway on October 31, as well as hands to pass out candy, grill hot dogs, carry hot chocolate and admire the kids as they parade by with their costumes.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 NIV

God's abundance, grace and mercy,

Pastor Jane



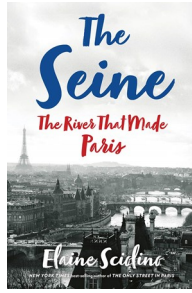
Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

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

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.



November 6 *Leave the World Behind: A Novel* by Rumaan Alam. This book is about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong.
~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 will head out again for good fellowship and good food.

SPARKS GATHERING

We will be going to Ramseyer Farm on Oct. 3! Join us!



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be available to pack. Deadline is November 14. If you don't want to pack a box, please consider donating to cover the shipping fees. It costs \$9 per box to ship. Just mark your donation "for Christmas Boxes".

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. Adults: \$11, Children age 5-12: \$5, Children under 5: free, Donation sheets and helper sheets are out!

Community Trick or Treat

The Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat is Oct. 31 from 6p-8p. We will be passing out candy and hot chocolate. We're collecting candy to bag up on Oct. 30. If you can help pass out candy at trick or treat night, let us know!



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

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

September

9/28 7p Jude Study

9/30 7p Grief Group

October

10/3 Ramseyer Farm visit

10/5 7p Jude Study

10/7 7p Grief Grp

10/10 7p Labyrinth Walk

10/12 7p Jude Study

10/14 7p Grief Grp

10/19 7p Jude Study

10/21 7p Grief Grp

10/23 4p-7p Fall Dinner

10/24 Candy Drop off Deadline

10/26 7p Jude Study

10/28 7p Grief Grp

10/30 Stuff Candy Bags

10/31 2p Charge Conference

6p-8p Trick or Treat

Address update:

John & Eileen Smith
1605 Chestnut Rd.
Seven Hills, OH 44131

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

October Birthdays

2 - Danielle Lahoski
3 - Joe Fox
4 - Dave Lahoski
5 - Keegan Cline
9 - Joey Sewell
Lloyd Fiste
Nick Phelps
10 - Norma Bates
13 - Emily Hoose
18 - Anne Gavinesky
20 - James Turner
21 - MayKenzie Lahoski
22 - Pattie Fiste
23 - Mark Raw
26 - Art Shick
30 - Joe Brosch
31 - Evan Buck

October Anniversaries

5 – Terry & Mindi Haddix
9 – Dave & Heather Lahoski
13 - Don & Debbie Ensor
16 - Dan & Sherri Buck
24 - Tom & Christine Boche

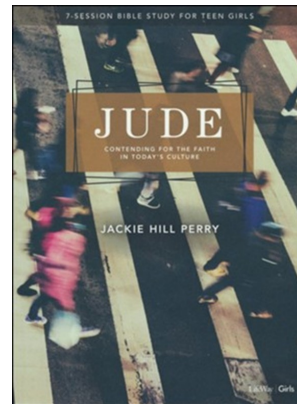
Foundations Team

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

The next study begins Nov. 2-23 on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and is titled *Share Jesus Without Fear*.

~ Nancy Vogel



Food Pantry Collection

Sharon Center United Methodist Church continues to support St. Paul Food Pantry with our pick of the month: **hygiene supplies**. Toothpaste, shampoos, deodorant, Kleenex, etc. 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, October 10 at 7PM. This will be the last one for the year. But you are welcome to stop by at your leisure anytime.



Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is Oct. 17, contact Pastor Jane if you would like to participate.

Emmaus Walk

Pastor Jane serving as a Spiritual Director on an Emmaus Walk at Camp Wanake October 21 – 24, 2021, prayers appreciated!

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

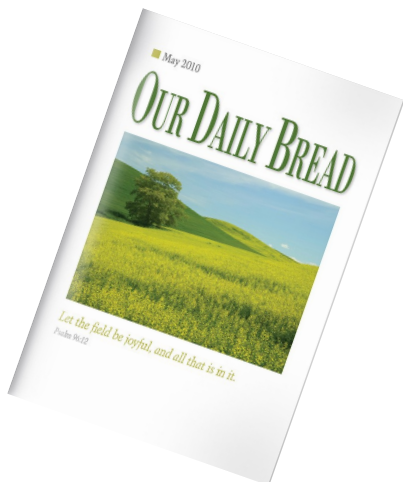
A six week support group led by John Weiss, Lori Weiss and Pastor Jane Piehl. Free to all. Conference Room, Sharon Center United, Methodist Church, 6407 Ridge Road.

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.



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?

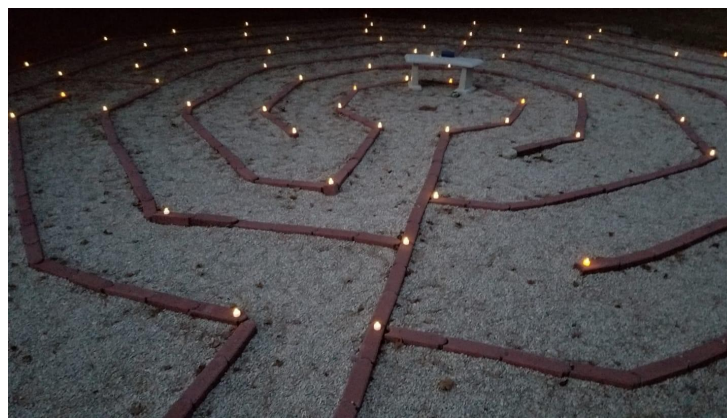
This month-long journey of prayer and fasting will take place wherever you are located day in and day out. In other words, this is not about a big event. Rather, this is about the Church being mobilized to pray in unity no matter where we are scattered each day as individuals. There will be a special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

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Register at 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.



Marge at the Organ in duet with Ruth Hall



September Labyrinth Walk



Rock Painting

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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