

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

November 2021

Dear Friends,

When my son and daughter-in-law were in the military, they were stationed in San Diego, California. When I visited them to see Wes march with the Military Band in the Rose Parade, I fell in love with the perfect year-round weather. Sunny, warm, just the right humidity – I slept well with the window open next to me. My daughter in law, Michelle, however, missed the change of season. She said she missed rainbows and thunderstorms, colorful falling leaves, and gently falling snow. I've come to expect the changes that come with the seasons that God has ordained for Ohio and God said that it was good when He created it.

When I think about the change of season, it isn't all pleasant. After the first few bags of leaves, I'm not real thrilled with raking. And while I like to watch the gently falling snow, I don't like driving in it. Thunderstorms are very relaxing, until a tree falls on your house.

The writer of Ecclesiastes 3 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." God made everything for just the right time.

Change is something that we have no control over. And yet, we know that God does not change. Malachi 3 says, "I am the Lord and I do not change." I find great comfort in knowing that even when my heart is broken, even when the walls seem to close in and the earth shakes, God is still with me, beside me, in front of me, and He has a perfect plan. As things change, my expectations are wrecked and I lose control, God holds it all in the palm of His hand, and I rest in Him.

As we move closer to Advent, I encourage you to take a few moments for gratitude. Hug the people you love a little tighter, tell those who serve you that you appreciate them, smile at the people you pass and let your light shine.

Great is His faithfulness,

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

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.



December 4- *A Christmas Resolution* by: Anne Perry. A smitten woman is about to marry a dangerous man - unless Detective Hooper and his wife, Celia can prevent it. A wickedly tangled holiday mystery.

January 8- *The Arctic Fury: A Historical Novel of Fierce Women Explores* by: Greer Macalister. A dozen women join a secret 1850s Arctic expedition and a sensational murder trial unfolds when some of them don't come back.

~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

Mission Project: Akron Regional Food Bank, December 11 from 8:30am– 11am. Everyone is welcome to participate! Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we serve our community.

Operation Christmas Child



We will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child over the next few weeks. Boxes are available in the back of the Sanctuary along with a list of what to pack in them to bless a little boy or girl somewhere around the world. This is a great project to do as a family, as a small group or Bible Study, or as a personal mission project. Deadline for return is Nov. 14. If you prefer to donate toward the shipping they are \$9 each.

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped at our Swiss Steak Dinner! We served about 90 people and made about \$1,000.00



Community Trick or Treat

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

Calendar

Regular Schedule:
Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

October

10/30 Stuff Candy Bags
10/31 2p Charge Conference
6p-8p Trick or Treat

November

11/2 7p Share Jesus Study
11/7 All Saints Sunday
11/9 7p Share Jesus Study
11/14 2p Sunday School
Teacher Mtg
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes due
11/16 7p Share Jesus Study
11/22 7p Thanksgiving Service
11/23 7p Share Jesus Study
11/27 10a Hanging of Greens
11/30 7p Home For Christmas Study

Address update:
Dan Farnsworth &
Susan Speicher
26933 Marina Rd.
Freeport, OH 43973

Or

148 Villa Rd.
Brunswick, GA 31252

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

November Birthdays

- 1- Ken Ullery
- 2- Kathy Hoose
Grace Pylypiak
- 3 -Natalie Sewell
- 6 - Matt Mravetz
Cindy Courtright
- 7 - Marge Raw
- 12- George Hoose
Scott Danko
- 15 -Daniel Buck
- 18 -Nancy Baldwin
- 19 -Chance Farnsworth
Kathy Shaw
Diane Meckes
Dawn Kehres
- 21-James Sikon
- 24-Hoyt Pylypiak
Celia Pylypiak
- 26 -Jack Breese

Special Thanks:

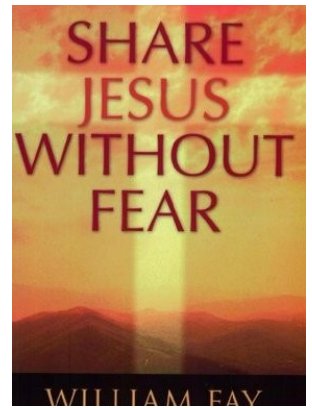
Dear Church Family,
Thank you for making Pastor Appreciation Month so special for me. I appreciate the cards and notes that I received from so many of you and I am humbled. I am blessed to be able to serve God here with you and give thanks every day.
Blessings,
Pastor Jane

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm we will begin a discussion on *Share Jesus Without Fear* by William Fay and Ralph Hodge. is a four week study on turning to Christ for redemption will be led by Millie Frambaugh that starts on November 2nd.

The four week Advent study will start on November 23rd. The title is *Home for Christmas*. We will be looking at the true stories of formerly incarcerated men and women and how their struggles and triumphs show the themes of Advent hope, love, joy and peace.
~ Nancy Vogel



Food Pantry Collection

For November, let's collect paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels for the Food Pantry. Always needed! And sometimes a luxury. Please place on table in the back of the 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.

Service System Operators

Have a little Computer knowledge? We are in need of 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 pushing an arrow button. Contact the office if you can help.

Hanging of the Greens

Join us in decorating the church for Christmas on Nov. 27 at 10am



Thanksgiving Service

Join us for a Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 22 at 7pm



Cookie & Craft Sale

We will have our annual Cookie & Craft Sale in Dec. We will be asking for homemade cookies and treats but we will pre box them and sell in 1 lb boxes. Stay tuned for further details to come!

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 Pastor Jane 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.

Missions: We Give Because He First Gives To Us Christmas Giving Opportunity

Midwest Mission Collection

Deadline: Nov. 28

We are collecting items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, where we have made many contributions in the past toward emergency aid such as Hygiene Kits and Flood Buckets. This time we are collecting toys that can be used as a hands-on way to be generous to those who are experiencing the aftermath of a flood, hurricane or other natural disaster.

LIST OF CHRISTMAS NEEDS (NEW ITEMS ONLY): Jump Ropes, sports balls (soccer, basketball, softball, baseball), pump for the deflated balls, simple musical instruments like a recorder, harmonica, or percussion, new board games like Jenga, Trouble, Candyland, Connect 4 or other simple games that don't require batteries.

Please put items on table in the back of the church. Do not wrap them. If possible, put a note on it that says "Midwest Mission". Many of the UMC churches are collecting and dropping them off at a collection site in the area. Thank you!



Highland Support Network Adopt-A-Family

Deadline: TBD December



We will be supporting families in our local community through the Adopt-a-Family program through the Highland Support Network. There will be a small Christmas Tree in the back of the church where you can pick up an ornament with details about what the family needs. More information is coming soon! Our local families in need depend on us to make their holiday special.

Upcoming Community Events

- Nov. 3 4p-7p Mt. Zwingli Swiss Steak Dinner, Carry out, \$12.00 each
- Nov. 6 11a-5p Sharon Firefighter's Fish Fry, drive thru, carry out at Town Hall Parking lot.
COLESLAW IS BACK! \$11 each
- Nov. 12 10a-4p Seville UMC Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner (carry out by reservation) \$13.00 meal

Thanksgiving Service



November 22

7p



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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