

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter January/ February 2022

Dear Sharon Center UMC Faith Family,

Happy New Year! We greet our friends and those we meet this time of year with a friendly wish for a better future, a better tomorrow, a better year than the one we just finished. Whether or not we are ready, time rushes by and things change. My Mom used to say, "The only thing that I know for sure is that things will change." And they do. We can accept, or we can be miserable.

We were surprised in March of 2020 to learn of this strange new virus called "COVID19" and faced months and months of being separated. And then just when we thought we might get back to some kind of normal, new mutations of the virus emerged and we are currently in a new wave of illness. I'm sure it will all change again, and we have to be resilient, able to adapt to the changing environment, and leave it in God's hands.

We renewed our covenant – our promise to God to be his people – during the Wesleyan Covenant Service on January 2. We vowed to commit our whole selves to following Jesus: with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, our witness, our bodies and our lives. Romans 12:11-2 is one of my favorite verses about giving ourselves to God: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." The way we offer ourselves to God changes over time, just as we change over time. My skills grow and change. What I did yesterday may not work today. My body gets stronger and weaker and the way I offer to serve changes over time. The thing that doesn't change is that God accepts my offering as a pleasing sacrifice when I offer it with my whole heart. That's good news.

What are you offering God today? Is it your best? Being intentional about our gifts to God makes them more real and meaningful. Giving him our best is an act of Worship. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters".

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM on March 2. In the meanwhile, we look for the presence of God in the ordinary of our lives, in the face of our loved ones or the ice on our windowsill. Every season has it's purpose under heaven.

Be Blessed and Show 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

January 8th- *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.



February 5th- *Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny. A wise bighearted, boundlessly joyful novel of love, disaster and an unconventional family.

March 5th *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian will be discussed. This book is set in the 1920s Mississippi where two teenage girls form an unlikely partnership through murder

~Nancy Vogel



Valentine Care Packages

We will be collecting items for Valentine Care Packages for College students and active duty military through Feb. 6. Please place donations at back of sanctuary. Please email names and addresses of college students and active duty military to the office.



Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is February 13. We invite all Scouts of the church to attend and wear their uniform. If you would like to participate see Pastor Jane. We welcome you to invite others from your troop to participate and attend as well. Please let the office, Pastor Jane, or Paul Turner know if you plan to attend so we have enough patches.



Ash Wednesday

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, at 7pm.

Directory Updates

Please contact the office if you have an address, phone number, or email change so we can update the directory. There is also a directory on the back table of sanctuary you can mark any updates in.

Volunteer Activities at the Church

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the church throughout the year. Would you like to provide a special music? Run the computer system during a service? Help at an event? Weed the flower beds? Drop off food at the food bank or stock our blessing box? Lead a study? Help with Sunday School? Be on the Leadership Team? There is lots to be a part of that we can always use more helpers with. Consider joining in this year!

Calendar

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

January

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| 1/8 | 10a | Book Club |
| | 10a | Decoration take down |
| 1/11 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |
| 1/18 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |
| 1/22 | 3p-6p | Mravetz Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser |
| 1/25 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |

February

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| 2/1 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |
| 2/6 | | Valentine Box Deadline Sub Sale order form due |
| 2/8 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |
| 2/13 | | Sub Sale Scout Sunday |
| 2/15 | 7p | <i>Genesis History?</i> Study |

March

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| 3/2 | 7p | Ash Wednesday |
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Address update:

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

January Birthdays

- 1 - Fred Coblentz
- 2 - Harry Courtright
- 7 - Bob Mravetz
- 11 - Doug Williams
Ann Passmore
- 16 - Joe Hege Jr.
- 17 - Evan Courtright
- 20 - Dora Barnes
Aimee Brosch
Chad Lahoski
Phyllis Flaugh
- 23 - Steve Farkas
- 24 - Millie Frambaugh
- 31 - Bill Baldwin
Edilene Coblentz
Randy Raw

January Anniversaries

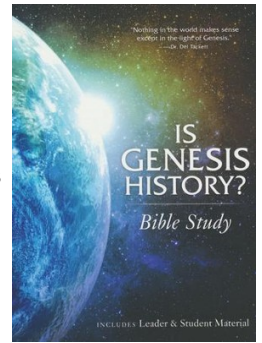
- 7 - Pat & Art Shick
- 15- Andy & Deanna Pylypiak
- 17 - Scott & Nikki Danko

February Birthdays

- 3 - Shirley Graham
- 5 – Amy Falconer
- 10 - Christine Boche
Hannah Phelps
- 12 - Sara Hoose
Dave Russell
- 15 – Pastor Jane Piehl
- 18 - Sharon Fox
Nicole Fox
Connor Haddix
- 20 - Terri Smith
- 23 - Julia Mazur
Kerry Cline
- 28 - Eileen Smith

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

On January 4, 2022 we will be starting *Is Genesis History?* a seven-week study with a movie shown in the sanctuary. The study covers the six key doctrines introduced in the first chapters of Genesis. These doctrines are related to the gospel and are important to understanding the nature of our salvation. The study will be led by Charlie Tramel. All are welcome to attend the movie and the study.



Mark your calendars now for the Lenten Study, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. This six-week will be lead by Pastor Jane. It focus is on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his prayerful agony in Gethsemane. This study starts on March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Church Conference Room.

~ Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

For January we'll collect fruits and veggies canned goods. For February we'll collect boxed dessert mixes. Please place on or below table in the back of the church.



Grief Group

Our next session of Grief Group will begin April 21 through May 26. This is lead by John & Lori Weiss and Pastor Jane.

Sub Sale

Our annual Sub Sale will be on February 13. The order form is attached or you can pick up one at the church. All items will be prepackaged and bagged like last year. Please select the items you would like. You can pick up on Saturday afternoon or Sunday after church. Please mark accordingly on order form.

Spaghetti Dinner for Mravetz's

January 22 from 3p-6p a spaghetti dinner will be held at Sharon Center UMC. Cost of the meal is \$15 and includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert. Dine in and carry out options available. Raffle baskets will also be available. If anyone can provide a dessert or help at the event contact Pastor Jane to sign up.



Special Thanks

Dear Church Family ,
Thank you for the generous gift at Christmas for myself and my family. In a season that has been challenging due to COVID19 and the loss of people very special to me, it warms my heart and I feel loved and appreciated. Happy New Year to each of you and God bless.
Pastor Jane

Sub Sandwich Sale

Date: February 13, pick up at church on Saturday Feb 12 in afternoon, or Sunday Feb. 13 after service.
Deadline for sub order form is Feb. 6

Contact info:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pick up time frame (please circle): Saturday afternoon, Sunday after church, Sunday afternoon

If picking up Saturday or Sunday later in day we may place a cooler out for those orders. To be determined by necessity.

Delivery time frame: (please circle): Saturday afternoon, Sunday afternoon

We'll be coordinating our Sub Sandwich Sale same as last year. Subs will be made and wrapped with meat on them, we will be packaging selected toppings in sandwich bags or containers. Please checkmark the toppings you would like included in your order.

Notes:

Sandwiches will be served on 7" sub sandwich rolls.

Italian Sub includes: Ham, Salami, Peperoni

Please fill out line on form for each Sandwich, use blank lines to write in additional subs.

Use boxes to check mark what you would like for each sub ordering.

Please have order form returned by **Feb. 6th**

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Spaghetti

DINNER FUNDRAISER
FOR THE MRAVETZ FAMILY

\$15

DINE-IN, CARRY-OUT AND PRE-ORDER
DINNER WILL INCLUDE SALAD AND DESSERT

THERE WILL BE RAFFLES
50/50 AND GIFT BASKETS

JANUARY 22
3PM-6PM

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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