

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

April 2022

Dear Friends and Fellow Disciples of Jesus Christ,

God's love extends to all people everywhere, the Gentiles and the Jews, the good and the bad, the attractive and the rejected, the weak and the strong. He shows no partiality in His love for creation and for His "image-bearers" – the people He created from the dust. That's us! He calls each of us by name. Isaiah 41:9 says, "But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

I don't know if I've always had a pretty good sense of hearing, but it seems to have gotten even more sensitive when I began having children. I could hear my children turn over in their beds; I could hear a change in their breathing; I could discern the differences in their cough and tell by the sound of their cries if they were really hurt or just cranky. My ears were tuned to them because I loved them and because I wanted them to always be safe and healthy. I heard them when they called, and I responded in a way that was best for them. It wasn't always what they wanted but it was what was best

God's creation is full of the sounds that bring us peace, but we don't always hear them. Recently I heard the sounds of the Spring peepers rising from the nearby ponds and woods and I was comforted, knowing that God was in control and He has my best interests in mind. I sit at my desk and hear the crows noisily cawing outside and I am reminded that God cares for the birds of the air, even the obnoxious ones. I hear the rain tapping on the window and the wind blowing through the trees and I know that my God will supply everything I need.

Change will come, that's a fact. My Mother used to say that the only thing that is constant is change. My comfort comes in knowing that God has a plan, and that while things change, God remains the same. So I listen for my Father's voice, for the signs that He is with me, for the sounds of encouragement and hope. I will continue to seek Him.

Proverbs 8:17 says, "I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me."

April brings the return of regular Holy Week services, including Holy Thursday with Footwashing, Good Friday with Tenebrae service of darkness, Easter Sunrise Service at Greenleaf and Easter Morning Breakfast and egg hunt. He is Risen Indeed!

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

We meet at 10:00am in the Conference Room at the Church. Please join us at any time to discuss the books.

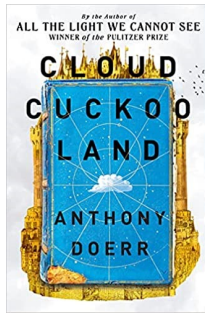
April 2nd *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr.

This is an imaginative time-travel creation set partly during the 1453 siege of Constantinople.

May 7th *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage*

Murders and Birth of the FBI by: David Grann. In 1920 the Osage family became rich from oil on the land. Family members began being killed one by one. Edgar Hoover formed a task force to find the killers. Chilling conspiracy in American History.

~Nancy Vogel



Easter Sunday

WE'RE BACK!!!!

Mark your calendars for a spectacular Easter celebration! The morning kicks off at 7:00 a.m. with a beautiful sunrise service at Greenleaf Park. Then a delicious breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church if you would like to make something yummy! New this year will be a religious Easter egg hunt for the kids on the front lawn and in the labyrinth of the church at 9:30 a.m. Finally, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord at our regular 10:30 worship service complete with trumpet! Come and join us for this wonderful celebration!

(P.S. Naps are scheduled for 12:30 before your family meals at 1:00!!! LOL)

BAPTISM &
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Interested in Church Membership, Baptism or Confirmation? Please contact Pastor Jane for more information. A time of preparation is required that varies depending on the circumstances. Confirmation classes begin in the Fall. Baptism and church membership are welcome anytime but are particularly meaningful at Easter and Pentecost.



Summer Camp

Join a Summer Camp program at Camp Wanake, Aldersgate, or Asbury. Many new programs available for youth with varying time frames. Contact the Church office or check out a brochure on the bulletin board for more info.

Vacation Bible School

We'll be having a combined VBS week with St. Paul Lutheran Church this Summer. It will be in June with the theme of Rocky Railroad! More details to follow! Helpers will be needed along with participants!



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

April

4/2	10a	Radio Test
	10a	Book Club
4/5	7p	Passion of Jesus Study
4/7	10a	Grace Study
4/10		Easter Flower order due
4/12	7p	Passion of Jesus Study
4/14	10a	Grace Study
4/16	10:30a	Community Egg Hunt @ Sharon Community Park
4/19	7p	Chosen Study
4/21	10a	Grace Study
	7p	Grief Group
4/28	10a	Grace Study
	7p	Grief Group

Easter Week Calendar:

4/10	10:30a	Palm Sunday
4/14	7p	Maundy Thursday
4/15	7p	Good Friday
4/17	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
	8:30a	Easter Breakfast
	9:30a	Egg Hunt
	10:30a	Easter Service

Special Thanks:

I would like to thank my church family for the kind expressions of sympathy shown to me and my family at the passing of my mother. Your love and support has been very much appreciated and has helped me get through these very difficult days.

Sincerely,
Millie Frambaugh

April Birthdays

1 - Josh Courtright
3 - Lois Berry
5 - Debra Russell
10 - Bobbie Davis
Cora Breese
12 – Quinton Brady
13 - George Wemmer
Zach Laird
17 - Veronica Shaw
Randy Eales
18 – Mason Haddix
23 - Donna Nagy
24 - Craig Kehres
29 - Heather Lahoski

Special Thanks:

I am so grateful for the church family I have at Sharon Center UMC. The support that you all provided me with (and continue to do so) after the tragic event that left me without the love of my life and myself literally helpless and confined to a bed for three months.

Your prayers (I could feel them), calls, cards, and visits kept me motivated to do everything I was allowed, to keep my strength up. You kept me focused on what needed to be done each day!

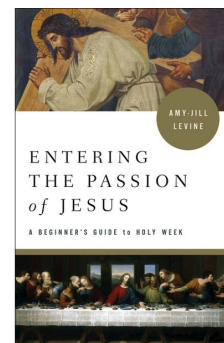
I was, and continue to be the tortoise, accepting the fact that progress would proceed very slowly, but steadily.

Please remember that everyone of you have been a part in helping me deal with both the mental and physical struggles. I am truly blessed to have so much support.

With much love and gratitude,
Bob Mravetz

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

Join the Lenten Bible Study *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. This six-week session will be lead by Pastor Jane. It is focused on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his prayerful agony in Gethsemane. This study starts on March 8, at 7pm in the Church Conference Room.



Grace by: Max Lucado will be offered on Thursday at 10am in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will dive deeper into God's Grace and learn how to be secure in His grace. It will be led by Bette McGarr and is open to all. This study runs from April 7th through May 19.

Blessed Are the Chosen will begin on April 19, at 7pm in the Conference Room. This is the official companion study to season 2 of television series *The Chosen*. Please join us as we view the series and discuss the life of Jesus. This will include a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount. It also will cover that we have hope, we have assurances and riches, and we are blessed no matter what our circumstance are all because God's favor is upon us. The study will be 8 weeks long and led by Stephen Kinford
~ Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

For April we'll collect pasta. Let's bless our local pantry with boxes of pasta!



Grief Group

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"
Psalm 34:18

Thursdays 7:00 PM from April 21 -May 26, 2022
Sharon Center United Methodist Church

If you have suffered a loss of a loved one recently you may be experiencing grief. Grief – it's something we all have faced or will face, but often don't have the tools to manage it. Why am I so sad? Why do I feel so tired all the time? I just don't feel like myself.

Wouldn't you love to have a safe place where you could learn about grief, and share your life, and discover tools to cope?

Join us beginning Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Sharon Center United Methodist Church, 6407 Ridge Road, Sharon Center, for six weeks as we explore together what grief is, how to process it and heal from the wounds that hurt us when we lose someone we love.

Leaders: John and Lori Weiss, experienced Grief Support Group Leaders for over twenty-five years, and Pastor Jane Piehl, Pastor of Sharon Center UMC and Chaplain/Bereavement Coordinator for a local hospice.



Easter Flower Order Form



Yes, believe it or not, Spring is on it's way! Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter morning by purchasing Spring Flowers. Once the Easter Service is over, you may take them home with you. Flowers may be purchased in Honor of, Celebration of, or Memory of those you love. What a beautiful way to remember someone!

This year we will be ordering Daffodils, Tulips, Lilies, and Hyacinths.

Lilies	\$10.00	Quantity ordered_____
Daffodils	\$9.00	Quantity ordered_____
Tulips	\$9.00	Quantity ordered_____
Hyacinths	\$9.00	Quantity ordered_____

Orders are due by April 10 to ensure adequate supply. Please fill out the following form and return to the office, the collection plate, or Nancy Baldwin with payment included.

In Honor of_____

In Celebration of_____

In Memory of_____

Given by_____

The prices vary on the products, so please make sure when you take your flowers after Easter services, that you take what you ordered.

Join us for a presentation by Love Inc on April 30.

Contact Pastor Jane if you would like to attend.

HEARTBEAT CONFERENCE

"To unite individuals and mobilize them to serve through opportunities that meet legitimate individual and family needs and promote transformation within those being served as well as those performing the service." Lois Tupy



"The Defining Difference of Christ-Like Love and Service"

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 am - Noon

Northside Christian Church
Wadsworth, Ohio

\$15.00/person includes
breakfast, refreshments, and

Redemptive Compassion
Study Guide by Lois Tupy

Lois Tupy

Best Selling Author, Speaker, and
Educator
Executive Director, Love INC Treasure Valley

Sponsored by
Love INC of Medina County

For more information and to register go to
www.loveincmedina.org

Easter Services

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7a Greenleaf Park

Easter Breakfast 8:30am at the Church

Egg Hunt 9:30am at the Church

Traditional Service at 10:30a

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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