

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

May 2022

From the Pastor:

To God's Church in Sharon Center, Ohio, and to those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

I greet you with the same words that Paul greeted the Corinthians in his first letter to them in the Bible. We aren't that different from the Corinthians as we worship, serve, live in community, argue, sin and repent, as well as wait for the resurrection of the dead and the life in the world to come! My Mom used to say that there was nothing new under the sun, and the issues and concerns that we have today are very similar to the ones the early church struggle with too.

What a glorious Easter Day we celebrated! After two years of being separated we were able to meet at the park for Worship, share breakfast together and even enjoy an egg hunt! It was so good to see so many return to Worship, but there are others who still haven't returned. Some may still be exercising caution due to COVID, and some may have changed their Sunday habits. I encourage you to reach out to our family and friends and encourage them. Invite others to join us, either in person or online.

Easter is not a day on the calendar, but a season of celebration that the Lord Jesus overcame death and is now alive. These fifty days allow us to experience the joy of having Jesus with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, celebrated at Pentecost. We will celebrate Pentecost on June 5 – so get your red shoes ready! As we move through the season of Easter I will be preaching from the book of Acts about what it means to be a witness. Since we are like those Christians in the early church, perhaps we can learn from them and not repeat the mistakes of the past. Those that saw Jesus, ate with him, camped with him, learned from him and walked with him were certainly witnesses – and they were transformed. I want that too!

Am I a witness? Have I seen Jesus? I am a witness, and I am forever changed because of my experience, because of what I know about Him, and because of the community of faith that has surrounded me.

During this season of Easter, I welcome you to Worship the risen Christ with us on Sunday morning, to spend time with Him each day and hear the good news through the reading of the Word. Thanks be to God!

In Resurrection Power,

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!



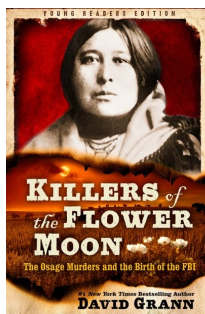
We Are Witnesses

Book Club

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

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.

June 4th *Another Kind of Eden* by: James Lee Burke. The New York Times says that the author "brings readers a captivating take of justice, love, brutality, land mysticism set in the turbulent 1960s". Sounds good to me. Join us for the discussion of the book.
~Nancy Vogel



Labyrinth News

World Labyrinth Day is scheduled for May 7. Everyone is encouraged to walk a labyrinth at 1PM on World Labyrinth Day!

You are welcome to walk the Labyrinth behind the church anytime or leave a prayer request on the prayer board located on the other side of the kiosk located at the Labyrinth entrance. The Sharon Center UMC Labyrinth is registered on the register of labyrinths and open 24 hours a day. We will walk the Labyrinth together during the warmer months. Check the website and newsletter for changes and updates.

Tentative schedule: (Check for updates as date gets closer)

Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 PM

Sunday, June 5 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, July 10 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 7 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 PM

Brochures about the Labyrinth and the church are located on the kiosk above the bench. All Are Welcome!

Vacation Bible School

We'll be having a combined VBS week with St. Paul Lutheran Church this Summer. It will be June 20-24 from 5:30p-8:30p with the theme of Rocky Railroad! Helpers are needed! Contact Paul Turner if you can help. If your child would like to participate we will take registration in advance and day of.



Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

May

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| 5/3 | 7p | Chosen Study |
| 5/5 | 10a 7p | Grace Study Grief Group |
| 5/7 | 10a | Book Club |
| 5/10 | 7p | Chosen Study |
| 5/11 | 7p | Leadership mtg |
| 5/12 | 10a 7p | Grace Study Grief Group |
| 5/17 | 7p | Chosen Study |
| 5/19 | 10a 7p | Grace Study Grief Group |
| 5/24 | 7p | Chosen Study |
| 5/26 | 10a 7p | Grace Study Grief Group |
| 5/30 | 7a-11a | Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast |
| 5/31 | 7p | Chosen Study |

May Birthdays

1 - Makenzi Cavanaugh

3 - Tom Boche

11 - Debbie Ensor

15 - Bob Pawlik

17 - Jackie Ingersoll

21 - Charlie Tramel

22 - Rylee Danko

25 - Andrea Stanec

26 - Darlene Franz

28 - Erin Keenan

30 - Donald Ensor
Betty Lewis

31 - Jo Ann Renner

May Anniversaries

25 - Jack & Christina Breese

Special Thanks:

Thank you for the generous care package of Valentine's Day treats! We really enjoyed them and shared with our roommates. We appreciate you thinking of us every year!

Sincerely,

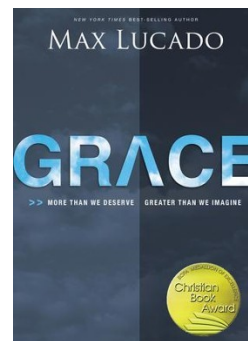
Elise & Evan Lautenschleger

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

Grace by Max Lucado is being offered on Thursday at 10am in the Church Fellowship Hall. We are diving deeper into God's Grace and learning how to be secure in His grace. This study is being led by Bette McGarr and is open to all. This study runs through June 16th. Please join us for any session. You will meet several Christian women who love to study God's word.

Blessed Are the Chosen is being held at 7pm on Tuesday evenings 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. It covers 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 is being led by Stephen Kinford. This study will conclude on June 7th.

~ Nancy Vogel



Food Pantry Collection

May is Peanut Butter month! Let's collect peanut butter for the Food Pantry at St. Paul and for our Blessing Box. Please remember the Blessing Box in front of the church when purchasing items as well as if you find someone you know who needs some basic food items to hold them over until they are able to purchase their own. The box is open to ANYONE. Drop off an item, or pick one up, or select a book to read. Our box has been used and it is a need in our community! Spread the word!



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
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.

Mission Focus

It is the time of the year when we begin our annual collection of items for the Midwest Mission. We would like to collect enough items for 8 Flood Buckets. A truck to pick up the donations will be at the East Ohio Annual Conference in June. A sign up sheet of items needed is in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring only the sizes noted on the sheet. All of the supplies must fit in the bucket and any larger sizes prevent packing the buckets with all the items needed. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, May 29th

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.



Baptism & Confirmation

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.

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

Join us for a presentation by Love Inc on April 30.
Contact Pastor Jane if you would like to attend.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be on May 30 from 7a-11a. Meal includes pancakes, sausage, OJ, Coffee. It will be lead by George Wemmer and Bob Mravetz. We are looking for helpers to assist with set up, clean up, and general assisting during the event. If you can help contact George or the office.



Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be June 9-11 in Akron, Ohio.
The Clergy Session will be on June 8.

In the News

We had a surprise writer from the Gazette at our Sunrise Service and Easter Egg Hunt. Check out the articles written about them!

Here is a link to the Medina Gazette article about Easter services: <https://medina-gazette.com/news/299484/sharon-center-umc-holds-outdoor-easter-service/>

And the egg hunt: <https://medina-gazette.com/news/299485/kids-hunt-for-easter-eggs-at-sharon-center-umc/>



Pop Tab Collecting

We did a quick pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald house on April 22. We'll continue collecting them and Paul Turner has volunteered to take them in periodically. Please bring pop tabs to the church and we'll get them to Ronald McDonald House. There are also jars around the church to drop them into.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Date: 5/30

Time: 7a-11a

Location: Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH



Stop by before, during or after the
Sharon Center Parade and Ceremony

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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