

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

September 2022

From the Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A lot of 'things' happen in our Church building and in our Community of Faith. In our building we have Worship, Bible Study, Grief Gatherings, collections, Scout meetings, community groups, home-schooled groups and staff gatherings. In the families that make up our church community we have work, school, athletics, recreation, vacation, and routine maintenance of our lives. But one thing the church does better than anyone or anything else, is delivering HOPE. You see, HOPE HAPPENS HERE. And that's the theme of this year's BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

When life doesn't go according to our plans, it is easy to get discouraged. When we feel out of control, we have the tendency to lose hope. However, whenever we find ourselves feeling this way, we must remember that God has a plan for each and every one of our lives. His plan is to prosper us and not to harm us. His plan is to give us the strength to overcome. His plan is to hold us with His never-ending love. The Church is the place where we discover this plan for our lives. Hope happens here. We can't do life alone.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

The basis of the Christian faith is an audacious hope that God is at work in our lives. A hope that things don't have to remain the same tomorrow as they are today. A hope that broken things can be mended. A hope that we are loved by our Creator.

The best part is that nothing can separate us from that HOPE and the LOVE that comes from a relationship with Christ. Romans 8:37-39 says, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As we come together for BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY on SEPTEMBER 18, we look for HOPE and we are encouraged that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and HOPE HAPPENS HERE. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Yours in HOPE,

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!

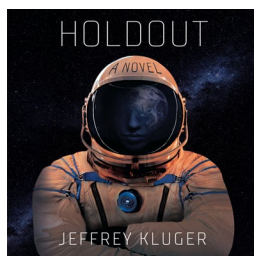


Book Club

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

September 10th *Holdout* by: Jeffrey Kluger.

This book is for all you SciFi fans. When evil forces are going unchecked on Earth, a principled astronaut makes a split-second decision to try to seek justice in the only place she knows how - the International Space Station.



October 1st *Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch* by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman. This is a fantasy and comedy about the birth of the son of Satan and the coming of the End Times.

~Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

Start the morning off right! Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and for our Blessing Box with breakfast bars, toaster pastries. 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!



Fall Foliage Tour

Medina County Fall Foliage Tour: A Medina County tradition since 1968

Since 1968, the drive-it-yourself Medina County Fall Foliage Tour has educated the participating general public about agriculture, education, and history of Medina County. Each year, the tour highlights 10-15 places of interest that can include farms, agribusinesses, historical societies, and special events – among others. The tour is not intended to be a commercial, political, or retail event and, through the years, has been able to maintain its agricultural and educational integrity while growing into the major fall event in Medina County.

The Medina County Fall Foliage Tour is being held October 8 and 9th from 12 to 5 each day. It is organized by the Fall Foliage Tour Committee and funded through participation fees and community sponsorship. Agencies represented on the organizing committee are: Medina County Park District, Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District, Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Medina County District Library, Medina County Farm Bureau, and OSU Extension-Medina County.

Sharon Center United Methodist will be a 'stop' on this tour, highlighting our historic heritage with a display of quilts. If you have a quilt that we can display for those two days in our beautiful sanctuary, please contact Nikki in the office or Pastor Jane. We also need people to sign up to greet our visitors. Sign up sheets will be available in the back of the church or contact Nikki or Pastor Jane. Let's show Medina County some Methodist hospitality!

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship

available on Facebook Live

September

9/6	6p	Christian Village Co-op School Orientation mtg
9/10	8a	Men's Breakfast Study
9/11	2p	Confirmation Class
9/11	7p	Labyrinth Walk
9/13	10a-3p	Christian Village Co-op
9/13	7p	<i>God of Deliverance</i> Study
9/14	7p	Leadership Team mtg
9/17		Love Inc Dinner
9/18		Back to Church Sunday & Potluck
9/20	10a-3p	Christian Village Co-op
9/20	7p	<i>God of Deliverance</i> Study
9/27	10a-3p	Christian Village Co-op
9/27	7p	<i>God of Deliverance</i> Study

October

10/8-10/9	noon-5p	Fall Foliage Tour
10/22	4p-6:30p	Swiss Steak Dinner
10/31	6p-8p	Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat at circle

September Birthdays

- 4 - Sherri Buck
Jill Cline
- 6 - Gary Smith
- 8 - Barb Moore
- 9 - Nikki Danko
- 12 - Mark Shick
Jacob Russell
Deanna Pylypiak
- 13 - Charlene Baker
- 14 - Sue Kelly
Chase Wemmer
- 17 - Kennedy Breese
- 19 - Mya Chappell
- 20 - Kenzee Danko
- 22 - Isaac Highman
Coraline Falconer
- 23 - Elise Lautenschleger
- 26 - Evan Lautenschleger
Rachel Nelson

September Anniversaries

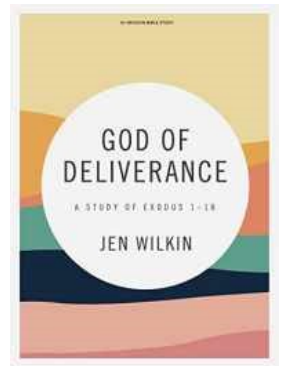
- 3 - Warren & Jean Geitgey
- 10 - Pastor Jane & Dave Piehl
- 19 - Kerry & Jill Cline
- 23 - Lloyd & Pattie Fiste
- 25 - Joe & Aimee Brosch

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Tuesday evening Bible Studies will start on September 13th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Please feel free to join us at anytime. Our first study of this year will be *God of Deliverance* by Jen Wilkin. This ten week study will focus on Exodus chapters 1-18. In the Book of Genesis, Moses faithfully recorded the history of Israel from Eden to the death of Joseph. Moses continues the story of the people of God in the Book of Exodus. In Genesis the story is told of others, but in Exodus he will tell a story in which he himself is a central figure. The study will be coordinated by Pastor Jane and Nancy Vogel.

~ Nancy Vogel



Men's Breakfast Study

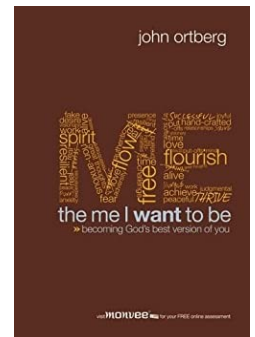
Men's Breakfast Study starts Saturday, September 10. Breakfast is served at 8am and we will conclude at 9:30am. This month it will be at Sharon Center UMC and Oct. 8 St Paul will be our host.

The Me I Want To Be by: John Ortberg

What does God's best version of me look like?

Join bestselling author John Ortberg in this five-session video curriculum that will guide you to discover spiritual vitality like never before. This book and video-based experience will help you and your group learn how God's perfect vision for your life is not just that you are saved by grace, but that you also learn to live by grace, flourishing with the Spirit flowing through you. It will last for 5 sessions.

~ Paul Turner



Our Daily Breads are available for the next quarter. Pick up one at the back of the Sanctuary or ask to have one mailed or delivered to you.



What is Confirmation Class: Confirmation is a twice-monthly class for teenagers who are interested in exploring their faith, preparing themselves to make a profession of faith, making their faith their own, and learning more about being an active member of the church. Students of the Confirmation class will attend classes September through May, and are expected to participate in various student ministry events/meetings.

Who is eligible for Confirmation: To be confirmed in June of 2023, you must currently be in at least the 6th grade. If you were able to participate in Confirmation class in previous years, you are more than welcome to participate this year.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 11, at 2PM in the Conference Room of the church. Please contact Pastor Jane at (330) 321-4700 if you are interested in participating.

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Swiss Steak Dinner this Fall. It will be on Oct. 22 from 4p-6:30p

Meal includes: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, beverage. Donation and volunteer sheets will be up soon. Please consider helping at our Swiss Steak Dinner.



Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat Night

Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat will be on Oct. 31 from 6p-8p. Bring in a bag of candy for the little trick or treaters! Please bring treats by Oct. 23 so that we can assemble the goodie bags. We will also serve hot dogs and hot chocolate that night and will need helpers to make and pass out items to visitors.

Operation Christmas Child

Where does the time go? It is not too early to be thinking about our Operation Christmas Child collections here at the church. Now is the time to pick up some school supplies for those shoe boxes! I like to include a plastic school supply box filled with school supplies like crayons, pens, pencils, scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, etc. All of those items are on sale NOW at great prices!! You can save yourself some money all while making a child's Christmas brighter!! The National collection dates this year are November 14-21. Our collection deadline will be November 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Christmas in July / Undie Sunday Update

The men's and women's underwear collected at our annual Christmas in July event was donated to the Valor Home in Akron, and the children's socks and underwear were donated to the Highland Support Network. We were so happy that our donations helped people locally in need, and they were received at just the right time. God's blessing on everyone who gave.

School Supply Collection

Thank you to everyone that donated school supplies for the Highland Community Support Network. It was greatly appreciated!

Back to Church Sunday

Welcome Back! While some of you haven't been gone, others have been off vacationing, enjoying time with family and friends or just enjoying the summer weather! Well, now it's time to get BACK TO CHURCH! We will be doing this in grand fashion on Sunday, September 18. We will have donuts and coffee before church in the gathering area for those who would like to come early and catch up with each other. Our church service will be special with special liturgies, music and messages around the theme of praising God and getting back to church. And then, like good Methodists, we will be having a potluck meal after the service! Bring a dish to share. Main dish, salad, vegetable, bread, dessert...all are welcome! Table service and beverages will be provided. Let's make this the BIGGEST and BEST potluck ever at Sharon Center UMC! Invite a friend, bring a neighbor. All are welcome! LET'S GET BACK TO CHURCH!!!

Labyrinth News

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.

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!

Gift Card Sales Program

During the last seven months the Leadership Committee has been evaluating the profit vs cost of the Gift Card Sales Program. It was determined at the July meeting to discontinue this program due to the cost of the program. I spoke with Nikki on July 20th regarding this decision. Nikki had just ordered a new supply of cards and there is a large inventory available. So please continue to purchase cards. No future cards will be ordered. After the complete sale of the inventory this decision maybe reevaluated. I want to thank Nikki for her diligence in taking responsibility for this program.



Back to Church Sunday Church Potluck

September 18

Bring a dish to share



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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