

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

October 2022

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Time seems to pass by so quickly! I used to laugh when my Mom used to say that to me when I was a teenager. And now, decades later, I finally understand what she meant. As Summer turns to Autumn and the signs begin to appear, we are breathless at the speed of change. I looked out my kitchen window this morning to discover a half dozen or so bright red leaves on the tree in our yard. October is a favorite month, filled with color, cool breezes, harvest moons and hay rides.

The Scriptures tells us to pay attention to the signs all around us so that we are not surprised by the coming of the new. As much as we long to hold on to the things that are passing away, God brings about new and amazing things that are even better. But sometimes we hold on too long to the past, and miss out on what is happening right now in front of our eyes.

I have learned so many things from the dementia patients that I visit. When you struggle with memory loss, you can't remember the past, and you can't think too much about the future. You only focus on the present – what's happening right now – and that is all. The present becomes much clearer; I am more thankful for what I have right now; and I notice it's beauty and appreciate it's wonder. I think that's what God wants us to do too. God wants us to notice the present moment and not look too longingly into the past or to anticipate the future. I have learned to be content with what I have right now.

For the month of October we will be focusing on Second Timothy and a call to not be ashamed of our faith. Each Sunday we will claim the faith we've been given with boldness and not meekness; we will present our faith clearly, without distractions; and we will present our faith with everything we've got, so that when we are asked, we can confess with a clear conscious that we held nothing back.

We still need volunteers for the Fall Foliage Tour on October 8 and 9th, or join us for Bible Study, to pass out treats or assemble Christmas Boxes. We've always got something cookin'!

Happy Harvest,

Pastor Jane



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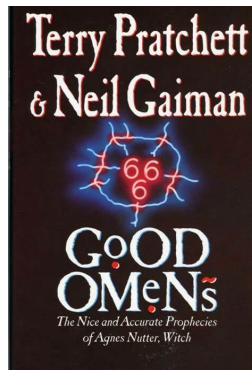
If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're 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!

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Book Club

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

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.



November 5th *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by: Christy Lefteri
This book traces the lives of a pair of refugees whose lives have been shattered after years of war in Syria, and who have little hope to guide them except for a cousin who awaited them in the UK
~Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and for our Blessing Box with paper products this month. It's fall and soon comes the need for tissues! Paper towels are always in need. 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

9/27 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
9/27 7p *God of Deliverance* Study

October

10/1 8a Hamm Radio Group
10/4 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
10/4 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
10/8 8a Men's Breakfast Study
10/8 10a Book Club
10/8-10/9 noon-5p Fall Foliage Tour
10/11 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
10/11 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
10/18 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
10/18 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
10/22 4p-7p Swiss Steak Dinner
10/25 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
10/25 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
10/29 10:30a stuff candy bags
10/31 6p-8p Sharon Center
Community Trick or Treat at circle

October Birthdays

- 2 - Danielle Lahoski
- 3 - Joe Fox
- 4 - Dave Lahoski
- 5 - Keegan Cline
- 9 - Joey Sewell
Lloyd Fiste
Nick Phelps
- 10 - Norma Bates
- 13 - Emily Hoose
- 20 - James Turner
- 21 - MayKenzie Lahoski
- 22 - Pattie Fiste
- 23 - Mark Raw
- 26 - Art Shick
- 30 - Melissa Williams
Joe Brosch
- 31 - Evan Buck

October Anniversaries

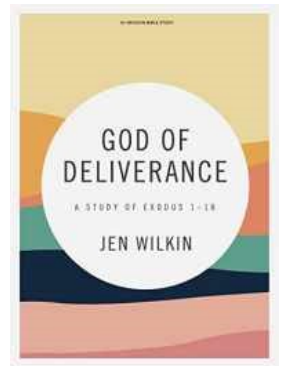
- 5 – Terry & Mindi Haddix
- 9 – Dave & Heather Lahoski
- 13 - Don & Debbie Ensor
- 16 - Dan & Sherri Buck
- 24 - Tom & Christine Boche

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Tuesday evening Bible Studies started on September 13th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Please feel free to join us at anytime. This study is *God of Deliverance* by: Jen Wilkin. It is a ten week study which focuses 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



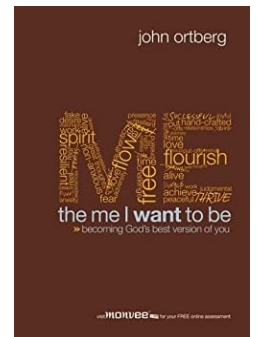
Men's Breakfast Study

Men's Breakfast Study continues Saturday, October 8. Breakfast is served at 8am and we will conclude at 9:30am. October it will be at St Paul Lutheran Church. We had a great turnout for our first meeting in September!

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 was Sunday, September 11. 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-7p

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 on Oct. 29 at 10:30a. We will also serve hot dogs and hot chocolate that night and will need helpers to make and pass out items to visitors and stuff candy bags on Oct. 29

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!

Thanksgiving Service

We will have a community Thanksgiving Service on November 23 at 7:30pm. This year it will be hosted by Granger UMC with Remsen Christian Church's Pastor Doc Loomis Preaching. There will be desserts to follow the service.

Leadership Team Meeting

At the September Leadership Committee meeting the Child Protection Policy was revised to be a Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Please refer to the attached Policy as it refers to all members of the congregation. We all have a responsibility to protect children, youth, and vulnerable people with whom we come in contact. If you have any concerns or questions please contact a member of the committee (Pastor Jane, Heather Lahoski, Paul Turner, George Wemmer, Charlie Tramel, Randy Raw, Bill Baldwin, or Nancy Vogel).

Other items discussed include the need for additional volunteer for the Fall Foliage Tour, decrease in monthly giving to the church, and need to sell the inventory of Gift Cards.



Swiss Steak Dinner

Date: October 22

Time: 4p-7p



Meal: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes,
green beans, applesauce, beverage,
dessert



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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