

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

November 2022

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When someone asked Dallas Willard, an American philosopher, theologian and professor of spiritual formation, what books we should read to be better disciples of Jesus Christ, Dallas listed Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. That's it. This proved to be a little disappointing, thinking that discipleship must require a degree in theology, or reading thick books about lofty ideas, or some other hard tasks. Dallas recommended that disciples of Jesus spend twenty years reading and memorizing Jesus' words found in the gospels, available to everybody, making them a part of every part of our thinking, talking and walking. Dallas recommended that we memorize as much of the gospels as our brain would absorb. For Dallas, that was discipleship.

I'll admit that I stray away from the Gospels sometimes, and I am currently reading *"Seeking God: Finding Another Kind of Life with St. Ignatius and Dallas Willard"* by Trevor Hudson. It's not really a book about discipleship, but it does give guidance on how to develop a closer relationship with the Lord. Trevor gives three possible responses to the invitation to be a disciple:

- Accumulate more and more information about Jesus.
- Seek out inspirational experiences or spiritual, feel good "highs".
- Interact with Jesus daily or moment-by-moment.

I have been a passionate seeker of both 1 and 2 above, and I'm working on #3. Seminary, Bible Studies, personal study, are all good and necessary. My faith is certainly stronger because of them. I am often inspired by music or Worship. But it's a daily walk with Jesus that makes all the difference in my life.

I encourage you to think about your discipleship journey. Are you closer to Jesus today than you used to be? Perhaps re-directing your thoughts more often is the key to transforming your mind and life into something more like Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

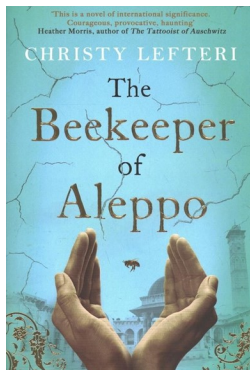


Book Club

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

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.



December 3rd *Silverview* by: John Le Carre'

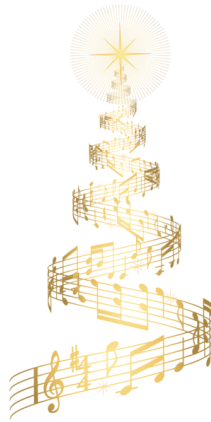
The story is centered on the lonely lives of spies and the difficult choices they have to make when their experience redefines the parameters of their mission for Queen and country.

~Nancy Vogel

Christmas Choir

Who doesn't love the sound of a choir during the Christmas season? Join us for a very special Christmas choir this year here at Sharon Center UMC! We are calling all who are interested to come and sing on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will have two rehearsals on SATURDAY December 10 and 17 at 10:00am at the church. The music will be fairly easy to accommodate ALL those who are interested! Please contact Millie at (330) 285-8922 for further information and then come and... "sing, choirs of angels"

~Millie Frambaugh



Food Pantry Collection

Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and for our Blessing Box with baked goods this month. A tasty treat is great around the holidays. Cake mix boxes, cookie mixes, etc. 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!



Hanging of the Greens

Help decorate the Church for the holidays! We'll decorate the church on Nov. 26 at 10am



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is Nov. 6. We will be remembering those who passed away in our lives.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

October

10/29 10a stuff candy bags
10/31 6p-8p Sharon Center
Community Trick or Treat at circle

November

11/1 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
11/1 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
11/5 10a Book Club
11/8 10a-3p Christian Village Co-op
11/8 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
11/9 7p Leadership Team mtg
11/12 8a Men's Breakfast Study
11/13 OCC Shoebox Deadline
Veteran's Day
11/15 7p *God of Deliverance* Study
11/22 6p Herb Society Mtg
11/23 7p Thanksgiving
Service@ Granger UMC
11/26 10am Hanging of the Greens
11/29 7p *Angels of Christmas* Study

December

12/10 10a Choir Practice
12/17 9a-noon Cookie Sale
10a Choir Practice
11a Gingerbread Houses
12/18 3p Blue Christmas Service
12/24 7p Christmas Eve Service

November Birthdays

- 1 – Ken Ullery
- 2 - Kathy Hoose
Grace Pylypiak
- 3 - Natalie Sewell
- 6 - Matt Mravetz
- 7 - Marge Raw
- 12 - George Hoose
Scott Danko
- 13 - Deanna Russell
Jacqui Russell
- 15 - Daniel Buck
- 18 - Nancy Baldwin
- 19 - Chance Farnsworth
Kathy Shaw
Diane Meckes
Dawn Kehres
- 21 - James Sikon
- 24- Hoyt Pylypiak
Celia Pylypiak
- 26 - Jack Breese

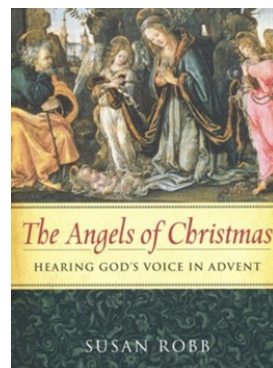
November Anniversaries

Foundations Team

Spiritual Growth Discussions

The study *God of Deliverance* by Jen Wilkin will finish on Nov. 15.

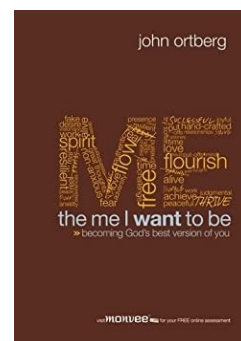
The study for Advent will be *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent* by: Susan Robb. It will begin 11/29 for four weeks. The study explores the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. The message of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for this interesting study. The study will be coordinated by Charlie Tramel ~ *Nancy Vogel*



Men's Breakfast Study

Men's Breakfast Study continues Saturday, November 12. Breakfast is served at 8am and we will conclude at 9:30am. November it will be at Sharon Center UMC. 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*



Veteran's Day Sunday

On November 13 we will recognize our Veterans. Please join us for a special Veteran's Sunday Service.

Cookie Sale

We will have our annual Cookie and Craft Sale on Dec. 17 from 9am-noon. A donation sheet will be out soon. Cookies will be \$9/ lb and crafted items will be priced individually. We have a lot of great bakers! Bring a friend and gather some cookies for Holiday parties!



Adopt a Family

Adopt a Family Info will be out this month. Stay tuned for further information.

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Thank you to all who helped and joined us for the Swiss Steak Dinner



Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat Night



Sharon Center Community Trick or Treat will be on Oct. 31 from 6p-8p. We will assemble the goodie bags on Oct. 29 at 10a. 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

Thanksgiving Service

We will have a community Thanksgiving Service on November 23 at 7pm. 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.

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!

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 PM

Partnering with Caretenders Hospice, Sharon Center United Methodist will offer a special service of healing and hope where we will remember our loved ones that we are missing during the holiday season. We will hear special music, readings, and have a time of remembering each loved one represented by those present for the service. Join us for this special service. Refreshments will follow. All attending will receive a special memento of their loved one to keep. This service will also be offered virtually.



An Evening of
Thanksgiving
Please join your neighbors for a
Community Thanksgiving Service
7pm Thanksgiving Eve
November 23rd
Granger UMC
1235 Granger Rd, Medina, O
In Communion With
Granger United Methodist Church Sharon United Methodist Church
Remsen Christian Church St Paul's Lutheran Church

Surviving the Holidays While Grieving

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Please join Pastor, Bereavement Coordinator and Chaplain Jane Piehl for this virtual event to learn about the grief process and receive tips on how to navigate the holidays while grieving. This virtual event is available by emailing Mary.Piehl@LHCgroup.com. A link will be sent to you to sign on virtually. All who are grieving, or just want to learn more, are welcome.

Cookie & Craft Sale



December 17

9a-noon

\$9/ lb



Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd.

Large variety of cookies and snacks

Proceeds support the Sharon Center UMC



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

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