

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

April 2023

Community of Faith,

Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Sunday, is the highlight of the Christian year. It's the day we celebrate the fact that Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, rose from the dead after three days in the grave. Having taken on the sin of the world and willingly choosing to die on a cross for you and me, He conquered death so that you and I can live in freedom from shame and guilt, and live forever with Him. Death no longer has a hold on us. Our chains are gone. We belong to Christ!

You are invited to join us and bring the whole family for an Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 9, 2023! We will start with a Sunrise Service with Holy Communion at Greenleaf Park at 7:00 AM. We will meet at the top of the hill just beyond the pavilion and experience what it was like when the women discovered that Jesus was not dead but had risen! Then join us at the church at 9:00 AM for a wonderful Easter Breakfast of casseroles, sweets and treats, followed by our Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM. Our Sanctuary will be filled with new life and we'd love for you to be a part of it!

John Weiss, a faithful part of our community, has been sharing with us the last two weeks about a prayer initiative that God has put on his heart called, 'Project 714', based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." There is no doubt that we need the Lord more than ever before in our broken world, and John has a special burden on his heart to call us to prayer every Monday at Noon for our nation to turn to the Lord, and for our community to experience a fresh in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Please pick up a prayer card and join us as we pray the following prayer:

May the Holy Spirit move among us in a new way.

May the Lord bring more people to Worship.

May there be an increase in small groups and more children participating.

Lord, please fill the church for Easter April 9. Amen.

The need for you to be involved in the life of the church has never been more important. We need people to help with the Worship service, Youth/Children ministries, missions and maintenance of the church. If you can help with any of these things, please contact me at (330) 321-4700.

May your Easter season be filled with joy and a renewal of the Spirit in your heart and soul, that you would be refreshed for every good work through Christ Jesus.

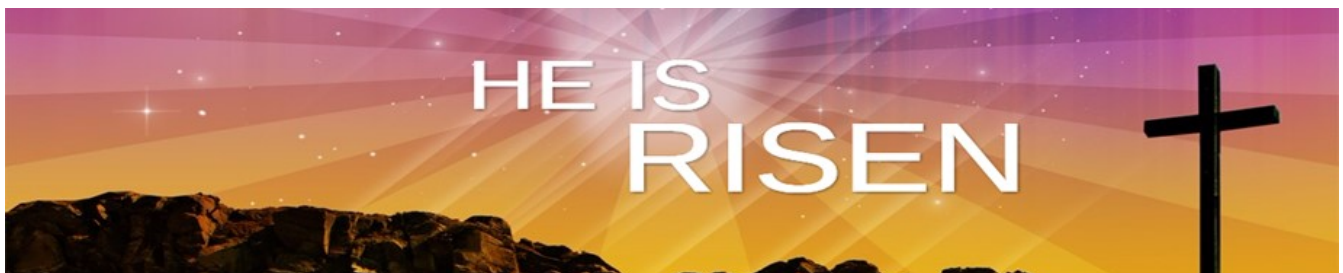
With a grateful heart,

Pastor Jane



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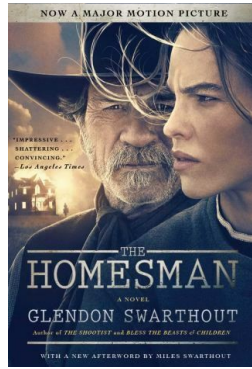
If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're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



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 1st ***The Homesman*** by: Glendon Swarthout. A western novel that captures the devastating realities of the early frontier life through the eyes of one extraordinary woman. Mary Bee Buddy an ex-teacher and a spinster, who is indomitable and resourceful, must escort a group of women back East to a sanitarium.



May 6th ***Beartown: Novel*** by: Fredrik Backman. This is about a town where the junior hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals. It is also about loyalty, commitment and the responsibilities of friendship; the people we disappoint even though we love them; and the decisions we make every day that come to define us.

~Nancy Vogel



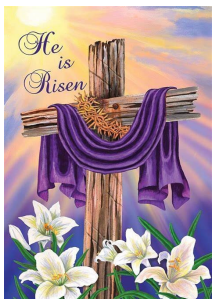
Food Pantry Collection

Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and our Blessing Box with pasta—spaghetti, macaroni, 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!

Easter Week Services and Activities

Palm Sunday (4/2) 10:30am at Sharon UMC
Join us in waving Palms

Holy Thursday Service (4/6) 7pm at Sharon UMC
Good Friday Service (4/7) 7p at Sharon UMC



Easter Sunrise Service 7am Greenleaf Park
Easter Breakfast 9am at Sharon UMC
Easter Resurrection Service 10:30am at Sharon UMC

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday will be May 28 this will also be Pentecost. Bring a red geranium for the garden and come celebrate our new members.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

April

4/1	10a	Book Club
		Radio Test Group
4/2		Palm Sunday
		Easter Flower orders due
4/6	7p	Holy Thursday Service
4/7	7p	Good Friday Service
4/9	7a	Easter Sunrise Service
	9a	Easter Breakfast
	10:30a	Easter Service
4/11	7p	Lent Study
4/18	7p	1 Corinthians Study
4/25	6p	Herb Society
	7p	1 Corinthians Study

May

5/4 National Day of Prayer
5/13 Canal District Conference
at Centenary UMC, Akron, Ohio,
time TBD
5/29 7a-11a Memorial Day
Pancake Breakfast

June

6/8-6/10 East Ohio Annual
Conference in Akron, OH

Future Dates:

4/23-5/3/2024
United Methodist Church General
Conference at the Charlotte
Convention Center in Charlotte,
North Carolina

April Birthdays

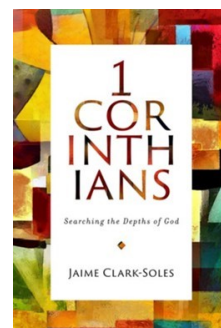
10 - Bobbie Davis
Cora Breese
12 – Quinton Brady
13 - George Wemmer
18 – Mason Haddix
23 - Donna Nagy
24 - Craig Kehres
29 - Heather Lahoski

April Anniversaries

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

On April 18th Millie Frambaugh will be leading a group in a study on **1 Corinthians, Searching the Depths of God** by: Jaime Clark-Soles. If you want to understand the apostle Paul and his writings this is a must read and study. Please join the group on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Conference Room for six weeks.

~ Nancy Vogel



Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

We will be holding our annual Memorial Day Breakfast on Monday, May 29. Please watch for details to come. Bob Mravetz and George Wemmer will need everyone to pitch in and help, as well as eat lots of pancakes!

Emmaus Walk

There will be an Emmaus Walk Opportunity coming up in April, the dates are:

Men's Emmaus Walk at Camp Wanake, April 13 - 16

Women's Emmaus Walk at Camp Wanake, April 20 - 23

Anyone who would like to attend, please see Pastor Jane or Dave Piehl.

Hospital/ Home Visitation

If you or someone you love is in the hospital or sick please call the office and let them know so that the Pastor can call, visit or bring Holy Communion. We will need name, address and phone number.

Aspire Women's Event

Saturday, April 29

Church of the Saviour

480 Fry Rd.

Wooster, OH 44691

6:00 PM SHOW

5:30 PM General Admission DOORS OPEN

Group Ticket Price through Pastor Jane: \$20.00

Soup and Salad dinner at Pastor Jane's at 3:30 PM.

Travel to event after dinner.

RSVP by signing up on sheet at the back of the church or calling Pastor Jane at (330) 321-4700.



Notes from Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met on 3/8/2023.

The following goals for 2023 were approved:

- A. Increase attendance at Worship by 25% by December 31, 2023. (Increase of 8 people)
- B. There will be an increase in church members who participate in activities that encourage them to grow closer to Christ by December 31, 2023. (Increase of 3 people) Increase in small group attendance, prayer opportunities, and mission engagement.
- C. Increase children and youth participation in spiritual formation activities by December 31, 2023.. (Increase of 7 people) Increase in Sunday School attendance and increase in other youth activities.

The church needs a good Spring Cleaning. Please watch for dates to help with it. The more that help the faster it will get done.

Financial: We are at a breakeven point. Sunday giving still remains below budget.

Pastor Jane presented information on disaffiliation of UMCs. After discussion the Board decided that SCUMC would take no action at this time. A letter was sent to all church members regarding the decision.

Policy on Safe Sanctuary: The last policy to review is very important to all of us. It is regarding to creating a safe and caring environment for all children, youth, adults, and vulnerable people at SCUMC. Please read the attached carefully. If you would like to review the attachments to the policy please ask Nikki to provide you with a copy.

Mission Projects

A big thank you to everyone who together with Medina United Methodist Church made 2,000 Rice Meals for the Midwest Mission. That means with only 2 hours of our time we feed 12,000 people!

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars!

"Pet's Unleashed"

August 4, 5 and 6, 2023

Location: To Be Determined



Easter Services

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7am Greenleaf Park

Easter Breakfast 9am at the Church

Traditional Service at 10:30am

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

Don't Forget the Blessing Box! The Blessing Box in front of the church is open to everyone. If you have extra food to share, place it in the box for others to enjoy. If you are short on your food budget this month, you are welcome to take what you need from the Blessing Box. There are books and other supplies welcome in the box too. Spread the word about the Blessing Box!

