

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

May 2023

Welcome Spring!

Every year about this time I seem to forget all the frustrations and failures of last year's gardening adventure and I begin to think about and purchase seeds and supplies for the flower beds around my home. I am eternally optimistic that THIS YEAR will be different – I will water and weed my flower beds; I will pay attention to the small leaves that sprout from my little garden and appreciate the warm weather and Springtime breezes. And for a while, it will be good. Seeds will be planted, flowers will sprout, mulch will be spread, and I'll appreciate it all. HOPE SPRINGS ANEW!

But as Summer heats up, and I become weary and less motivated, my flowers suffer, wilt and fade. Weeding becomes a burden; watering becomes a chore. It's too hot, too muggy, or I'm too tired. And the garden dies again.

In the parable of the Sower found in Matthew 13, Jesus talks about a farmer who went out to plant his crop. Some of the seeds fall along the path where the birds come and eat them up. Some seeds fall on good soil, and those seeds produce a crop. The seeds on the path represent a heart hardened by pride. The seeds that fall on good soil represent those with an open heart to God's grace. Just as a farmer needs to provide good soil to sow his seeds, our hearts need to be open to God's Word found in Scripture and to the Holy Spirit who plants seeds of grace, where they take root and grow.

Do you have a hard spot in your heart today? Tend to your garden and ask God to strengthen you. Have you even thought that you may be the one person God uses to plant a seed of grace in the heart of someone else?

Confirmation Sunday is May 28. What a joyous time as we welcome new members into our community of faith! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Jane



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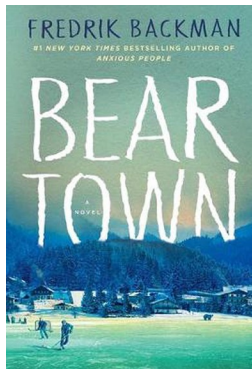
If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're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

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.



June 6th we will be discussing Kirstin Downey's book **The Woman Behind the New Deal**. This is the biography of Frances Perkins the Labor Secretary who was the moving force behind Social Security, unemployment insurance, and other initiatives that have improved the lives of generations of Americans.

~Nancy Vogel

Food Pantry Collection

Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and our Blessing Box with peanut butter. 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!



Spring Cleaning of the Church

The Spring Cleaning of the Church is progressing slowly and will continue until complete. Many thanks to all those who are working hard to accomplish this cleaning. The first floor is done. A special thank you to Christine Boche' and the Home School Group for cleaning the kitchen! It looks great!!! The next day for cleaning is Wednesday 5/17 at 10:00am. On that date we will concentrate on the rest of the basement. Other dates in May will be announced as they are scheduled. If anyone wants to volunteer to clean a room please let Nancy Vogel know.

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.

Mother's Day Service

Join us for our Mother's Day Service on May 14 at 10:30am. All mothers will receive a gift of appreciation.



Calendar

Regular Schedule:
Sun. 10:30a Worship
available on Facebook Live

May

5/2	7p	1 Corinthians Study
5/4	noon	National Day of Prayer Service
5/6	10a	Book Club
5/9	7p	1 Corinthians Study
5/10	7p	Leadership Team Mtg
5/13	11a	Canal District Conference at Centenary UMC, Akron, Ohio
5/16	7p	1 Corinthians Study
5/23	7p	1 Corinthians Study
5/28		Confirmation Sunday Pentecost

Dignity Care Kit return deadline
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

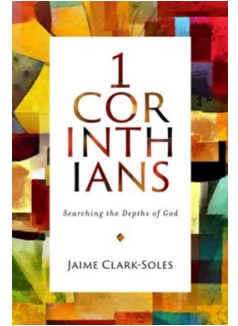
May Birthdays

- 3 - Erin Antonelli
Tom Boche
- 7- Mia Walkuski
- 11 - Debbie Ensor
- 15 - Lou Antonelli
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

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

From April 18th to May 23rd Millie Frambaugh will be lead 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. Time is: 7a-11a. All you can eat Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, OJ. Proceeds benefit local organizations. Bob Mravetz and George Wemmer will need everyone to pitch in and help, as well as eat lots of pancakes!

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.

PopTab Palooza

Granger and Sharon Center UMC's and Troop 511 collected 6.4lbs of aluminum or 8,109 pull tabs (I did not count them – based on RMHC estimate of 1267 poptabs/lb) and dropped them off on Friday April 21.
~Paul Turner

Summer Camp

Youth Summer Camp at Camp Wanake, Asbury, Aldersgate. Many camp options available. Check out the info on the billboard.



Mission Projects

East Ohio Annual Conference is in early June and we always contribute to the mission project of the Conference. This year they are asking for Personal Dignity Kits and not Flood Buckets. During the month of May we will be collecting items for these Kits. Our goal is to collect and make 25 kits. The following items are needed:

- Hand Towels - no kitchen towels
- Washcloth - no dishcloths
- Toothbrush - no multipacks (individually wrapped)
- Bar Soap - 3 -4 oz
- Shampoo - 12 to 19 oz
- Deodorant - 2 -3 oz (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 Gallon resealable plastic bags
- \$2.00 donation for razor and toothpaste.

Please add your heartfelt prayers to all supplies

Sign up sheets are available in the back of the sanctuary. All items are due Sunday May 28th.

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars!

"Pet's Unleashed"

August 4, 5 and 6, 2023

Location: To Be Determined



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2023

Thursday, May 4, 2023
12:00 NOON

Sharon Center United Methodist Church
6407 Ridge Road
Sharon Center, Ohio

Please join us for a time of prayer for the United States of America as we lift up our government, military, media, business, education, church and family.

All are welcome.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Date: 5/29

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

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!

