

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter July/August 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I love the long days of summer! The sun is rising when I get up at 5:30 AM and it's still shining when I go to bed in the evening. It also allows me to enjoy longer days of vacation and time with my family in the evenings. I feel like I have more energy just because of the increase in light. But is that the real reason?

The longest day of 2023 is June 21. That's the day that we had the most sunlight, however the day remained twenty-four hours long. So why do we say it's the longest day of the year? Because of how we count the hours. If we only count the hours that the sun is shining and not the hours that it's dark, then our days will always ebb, and flow, and our feelings will be dependent on something outside of our control. If our feelings are dependent the amount of light, we might feel unsteady. But if we put ourselves in the care of Jesus, we have a strong anchor that keeps us from drifting. Yes, we'll get pulled around some, but if we remain anchored to the one who is the Rock, we will not be swayed by every change, and remain filled with new hope.

I'm excited about Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 4 -6 at Granger United Methodist Church. The theme is "Where Jesus Cares for You" and we will have so much fun learning, playing games, making crafts, and meeting new friends. Sunday August 6 will be a "Blessing of the Pets" and a cookout after the outdoor Worship service at 10:00 AM at Granger UMC. All pets must be leashed or crated for the event.

Psalm 55:22 in The Message says, "Pile your troubles on God's shoulders—he'll carry your load, he'll help you out." When life seems to pile up, God is always ready to take the load, if you'll let Him. That's what we'll learn at VBS. Do you know someone who would like to attend VBS? Send them the link to sign up or give them a registration form. Do you have a little time that you can help us get ready for VBS, or serve as a Volunteer during that weekend? We would love to have you join us.

Enjoy every moment of this Summer: spend time outside, enjoy the view and hug your loved ones. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need prayer or Holy Communion.

Be Blessed,

Pastor Jane



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## 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!*

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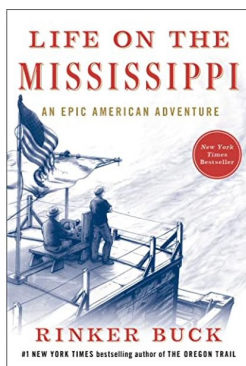
## Choir is BACK!!!

Yes, it's true! We will be starting the choir back up this fall... but with a few small changes! Maybe you would like to serve God in this way, but you don't have the time. This year we will be having one rehearsal a month and sing the following Sunday. I have purchased new music that is designed for this purpose. So, the time dedication is one hour on a Thursday evening and one Sunday service a month. You can do that, right? Maybe you would like to serve in this way, but you say you can't sing? Well, the music is unison (Or an occasional second part!) so we can all "not sing" together! So there are NO EXCUSES! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 14 from 7p-8p and we will sing on Sunday, Sept. 17 at our "Back to Church" Service! It will be a wonderful day! Won't you join us?

## Book Club

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

July 8th we will be discussing the book **Life on the Mississippi**, by: Rinker Buck. This is a travelogue and an engaging history lesson about America's westward expansion.



Aug. 5 One of the best selling books this past year **Lesson in Chemistry: A Novel** will be discussed. This book by Bonnie Grams is about a one-of-a-kind scientist in 1960's California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the star of a beloved TV cooking show.

Sept. 9 we will discuss Philip Connors book **Fire Season: Field Notes from a Wilderness Lookout**. Connors shares his experiences about spending half a year being a fire watcher in a 10,000 feet high tower in New Mexico's Gila National Forest.  
~Nancy Vogel

## Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars!

### *Pet's Unleashed*

Date: August 4 6p-8:30p,  
August 5 9:30a-noon  
August 6 Sunday Celebration,  
Cookout & Blessing of the Pets at  
10AM (Outdoor)

Location: Granger UMC, 1235  
Granger Road, Medina

Register by: Aug. 1 by going to [www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org) and clicking on the VBS info on the main page



## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship  
available on Facebook Live

## July

7/8 10a Book Club  
7/12 7p Leadership Board mtg  
7/15-7/24 Pastor Jane out of town  
7/23 Christmas in July  
New Undies Sunday

## August

8/4-8/6 VBS Weekend  
8/5 Radio Test  
8/5 10a Book Club  
8/6 Combined VBS  
Service. With Blessing of the Pets at  
Granger UMC  
8/13 Deadline for return of  
School Supplies  
8/20 Blessing of the Backpacks  
8/23 5p-8:30p SPRC Consultation  
meetings

## September

9/17 Back to Church Sunday  
9/17 3rd & 4th Grade Bible Day

Future Dates:

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

## July Birthdays

- 2 - Daniel Buck
- 3 - Jamie Zentiska
- 5 - Terry Haddix
- 8 - Mary Jane Winters  
Raylan Boche  
Hadlee Boche  
Anna Boche
- 13 - Richard Nagy
- 17 - Brenda Rexroad  
Oakley Kehres
- 19 - Loretta Frost
- 22 - Erin Spradlin
- 27 - Nancy Vogel
- 31 - Ashley Krautheim

## July Anniversaries

- 3 - Joe & Sharon Fox
- 25 - Dick & Jan Highman

## August Birthdays

- 3 - Doris Burdette  
Vicky Bogus
- 8 - Vern Ingersoll
- 9 - Mason Brosch
- 10 - Bill Mravetz  
Andy Pylypiak
- 15 - Mikayla Walkuski  
Chloe Falconer
- 17 - Julianne Kinford  
Stephen Kinford
- 19 - Dan Farnsworth
- 22 - Chad Tramel  
Eryn Tramel
- 24 - Paul Turner
- 28 - Lane Cline
- 31 - Janet Renner  
Warren Geitgey

## August Anniversaries

- 2- Devin & Mikayla Walkuski
- 7 - Cal & Bobbie Davis
- 11- Nancy & Bill Baldwin

## Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

There are no Studies scheduled for the Summer, but keep your eyes open as we may add some activities.

The *Our Daily Breads* are available for the next quarter at the back of the sanctuary.  
~ Nancy Vogel

## 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.

## Mission Projects

Thank you for your donations for the Personal Dignity Kits. On the first day of Annual Conference we delivered 169 kits and some miscellaneous supplies to the truck heading to the Midwest Mission in IL.  
~Nancy Vogel

## Food Pantry Collection

Let's fill the Food Pantry at St. Paul and our Blessing Box with juice drinks and water bottles in July and in the theme of VBS let's feed our furry friends in August with dog and cat food and treats other pet supplies are welcome too... dog soap, toys, etc. Pet items will be taken to local animal shelters.

## Christmas in July/ New Undie Sunday

July 23 will be our annual "Christmas in July" service and "New Undie Sunday"!! Dress festively! The church will be decorated for the holiday. We will have a day of singing carols with a Christmas hymn sing. It will be a day of gift giving with our "New Undie Sunday" collection. Please bring a package of new undergarments or socks for any size person to be donated to our local charities! Finally, we will have Christmas cookies and punch in the gathering area after service. Come and join the festivities and celebrate the birth of our Savior!



## Underwear & Sock collection

Christmas in July!

July 23



## Upcoming Cookie Sundays

We will have Cookie Sundays the following dates:  
July 23 (after Christmas in July Service)

August 20

September 3

If you would be willing to donate time or cookies please let Millie Frambaugh know at (330) 285-8922

Thank you in advance! It is much appreciated!

~ Millie Frambaugh

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Attention all students and school staff! Bring your backpacks to church on August 20th for Blessing of the Backpacks!

## School Supply Collection

Stay tuned for our school supply collection drive. More details to come. Deadline for return will be August 13.

## Back to Church Sunday

We will have Back to Church Sunday on Sept. 17. Our 3rd and 4th graders will receive their Bibles. If your student is going into 3rd grade or a 4th grader that didn't receive one last year let the office know and we'll present them with a Bible this Fall.

## Acolytes

If your child is going into 2nd grade or higher and would like to start acolyting let Nicole Fox know and they can begin to light the candles during the church service. We'll have a training/ practice session.

**SOMETHING BIG IS  
COMING IN THIS  
SPACE... STAY  
TUNED!!!**



# Christmas in July

July 23

10:30am

*Dress festive and we'll be  
singing Christmas carols*



## Contact Us

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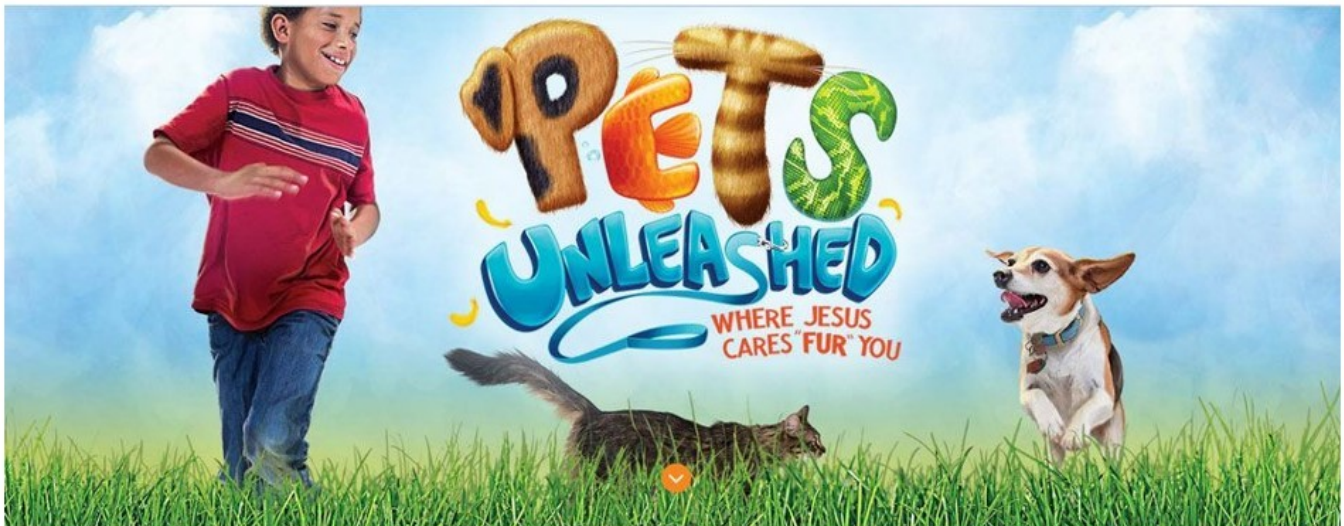
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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a



# VBS 2023

# August 4-6

\* Location will be at GrangerUMC\*