

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

October 2023

Dear People of Faith:

I recently participated in creating a leaf mosaic using fall-colored tissue paper, glue and a wood leaf frame with some of my new friends residing in a Memory Care unit of an assisted living facility. I'm learning from them how to slow down, relish the moment and notice the little things that make life better. After we glued the tissue paper to the wood and admired our handiwork, the staff of the facility hung them by strings in a window so the sun would shine through them to brighten our day.

We mark the days of our lives and the changes that are part of it with small rituals, like making a leaf. We mark bigger changes like birthday and burials with sharing a cake or placing a stone. I love the rituals of Autumn: pumpkin carving, Mums, picking apples, hayrides, falling leaves (but not the raking!) and warm spiced hot beverages.

Dallas Willard, a pastor, author and theologian was once asked what one word he would use to describe Jesus. Dallas said, "Relaxed". Jesus took time with people, noticed the people and things that others might miss, and marked the moments. He trusted his Heavenly Father to meet all of his needs. Jesus seemed to like to mark things with a way to remember them. He told us to remember him through the breaking of bread and sharing of the wine. He also called us to be baptized as a way of marking our new life in Christ.

This month we will baptize two babies in our circle of faith. When we baptize we remember our own baptism, and mark the new life we now have in Christ. We also commit to helping others grow in their faith. That's a big deal, and we take it seriously.

God is good - all the time. And all the time - God is good. Join us this Fall as we mark the season! We remember, and we anticipate Jesus' return and our reunion at the great banquet! Hallelujah!

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!!!

We had a total of twelve people in choir for the first Sunday back! How exciting and what a joy! Our next choir rehearsal is Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 P.M. and we will sing on Sunday, October 15 during the worship service. Consider joining us in this ministry praising God!

## Book Club

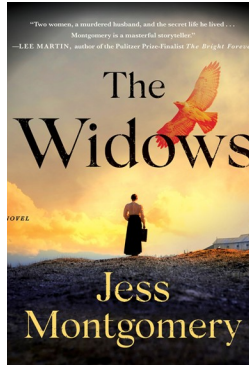
We meet at 10:00am in the Conference Room at the Church. Please join us at any time to discuss the books.

### The October Meeting of the Book Club has been Canceled

**November 4th** We will discuss two books in November. *The Widows* by Jess Montgomery. It is a gripping historical mystery about two women whose lives collide when the man they both love is murdered and *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. This is a novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who were headlines and won the hearts of Depression era America.

**December 2nd** The book *A Christmas Party* by Georgette Heyer will be discussed. Guests at a festive holiday house party discover there is a killer in their midst when their host is found dead in a room locked from the inside.

~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.

## Food Pantry Collection

Let's stock the pantry with hygiene items for October. Soap, toothpaste, etc. Also, individual size items like microwavable soup cups, rice cups, ramen noodle cups, Chef Boyardee bowls, mac & cheese bowls are very popular in the Blessing Box.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's never too early to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The National Collection dates this year are November 13-20. That means our final collection date at Sharon Center UMC is November 12. If you put school supplies in your boxes, now's the time to pick up some great deals! Empty shoeboxes will be available soon!



## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship  
available on Facebook Live

## October

10/3	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
10/7		Radio Test Group
10/10	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
10/12	7p	Choir Rehearsal
10/17	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
10/24	10a	Co-Op Group
	6p	Herb Society
	7p	Chosen Study
10/28	10a	Charge Conference in Kent
	1:30p	Stuff Trick or Treat bag
10/31	10a	Co-Op Group
	6p-8p	Community Trick -or- Treat Night

## November

11/17 10a-4p Fall Luncheon &  
Bake Sale Fundraiser

Future Dates:

4/23-5/3/2024

United Methodist Church General  
Conference at the Charlotte  
Convention Center in Charlotte,  
North Carolina

## October Birthdays

- 2 - Danielle Lahoski
- 3 - Joe Fox
- 4 - Dave Lahoski
- 5 - Keegan Cline
- 9 - Joey Sewell  
Lloyd Fiste
- 10 - Norma Bates
- 20 - James Turner
- 21 - MayKenzie Lahoski
- 22 - Pattie Fiste
- 23 - Mark Raw
- 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

On Tuesdays at 7:00pm we are studying *The Way of the Chosen*. The study of The Chosen has been a popular study. Come and learn more about the words of Christ with the group.  
~ Nancy Vogel

## Men's Study Group

We are looking for a new Men's Study Group leader for the Men's Breakfast Study. If you are interested contact Pastor Jane.

## Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be Oct. 28 at 10am in Kent. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Jane if you would like to attend.

## Trick or Treat and Candy Stuffing

We will be stuffing candy bags for the Community Trick or Treat Night on Oct. 28 at 1:30pm. All are welcome to come help!

On Oct. 31 from 6p-8p the Sharon Circle will have their annual Trick-or-Treat. We will be passing out hot dogs, hot chocolate, and candy! We will need volunteers to grill, make hot chocolate, and hand out candy. Contact Pastor Jane if you can help!



## Acolytes

If your child is in 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.

## Fall Luncheon & Bake Sale

-MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NOVEMBER 17 IS A NEW FUNDRAISER EVENT! We will not be offering the Swiss Steak Dinner or Cookie Sale this year. In it's place we will be bringing back an old favorite of Cream Chicken over Biscuits, sloppy joes, hot dogs, soup as a weekday luncheon. YES... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 from 10a-4p. We will pair it with a bake sale. These events help support activities of the church, including Vacation Bible School meals, cards and gifts for shut ins, and most recently the cleaning of the church carpets. We hope you will consider volunteering your time on Nov. 17 or donating a baked good to be offered.

## Upcoming Cookie Sundays

We will have Cookie Sundays the following dates:

October 8 (date changed to accommodate cake after baptisms)

November 12

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



## The Big S.K.I. Update

You have been very generous with your acts of Kindness! We had a final of 223 acts of kindness (on paper!) towards our goal of 900. Although we only reached about 25% of our goal, I know we have done some great work. We have had several acts of kindness that have reached MANY people and we've had several clergy in the area that have asked to "borrow" our program for their churches! We have planted a seed! Now we need to continue to water it and help it grow! SPRINKLE ON!!!!



## Text a Prayer Request

We have a new Prayer Request System. In the newsletter is a QR code and text number for Prayer requests. All are welcome to use it and it goes directly to Pastor Jane.

## Update from Leadership Board

The Board met September 13, 2023

We are still looking for someone to clean the vinyl floors. Thanks to George Wemmer the stove in the kitchen is clean! I have not seen it looking this clean for a long time.

Income remains the same and we have less than 6 months operating expenses on hand.

The membership role has been deleted by 103 people. These are people for whom we do not have any contact information and have not had any association with the church for a long time. This brings our membership down to 95 people.

Please be careful when walking in the back parking lot. It seems someone is shooting golf balls into the lot. We do not know who is doing it.

There is a concern as to what to do with Children's Sunday School. Very few children attend and our supply of teachers is diminished. If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to help teach please see Pastor Jane or myself.

The Sharon Trust Annual Meeting met at our church on September 18th. We were pleased to be presented with two grants. A grant of \$600 was given to help with the expenses for the Kindness Initiative and a grant of \$800 was given to purchase ukuleles, music, and supplies for use by small groups in the community. You will hear more about this in the future.

Much of the meeting was spent in completing annual Conference Forms

~Leadership Team



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

# Fall Luncheon & Bake Sale

\*Friday\*  
Nov. 17  
10a-4p



Cream chicken over biscuits, Sloppy Joes,  
Hot Dog, Chips, Soups, Beverage