

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter      September 2023

Dear People of Faith:

Summer seemed so short this year, and the chill is already in the air for Fall. I attended my first High School Football game of the year last night and I'm glad I brought a jacket. As much as I might mourn the passing of Summer, I really do like the change of seasons in Ohio. I think I would be bored with constant sunshine and seventy degrees. God created such a variety of creatures and plants that I believe He likes variety too. Each season has its wonder and its cruelty, and through it all God shows us that He cares for us.

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year was "Jesus Cares for You!" I give thanks every day for the amazing way that God provides for me, for us, and for our community of faith. As we seek to discern where God would have us serve one another and our neighbors, we have started our six week focus on KINDNESS. If you haven't received a packet of information on this wonderful initiative, please call the office and we'll make sure you get the info. Bottom line: BE KIND. Every day, in every way that you can. And then write it down and let Millie know so that we can post all our kind acts on a heart-shaped board. Invite those you have been kind to come to our BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY service and potluck on September 17. It's going to be a joyous time in the Lord! Don't miss it!

Who doesn't like donuts? We are sprinkling kindness through coffee and donuts every Sunday through September 17 from 9:30 to 10:15 am. Come early to Worship and enjoy a time of fellowship and donuts.

Why do we care so much about being kind? Because kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Since we were Baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, we show kindness as an expression of our thankfulness to God. Paul says in Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." God is kind, and God desires for us to be kind. Kindness is a muscle that we must use and strengthen. We become what we do most often. Let's become people of kindness!

God be with you as we do life together, being kind and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

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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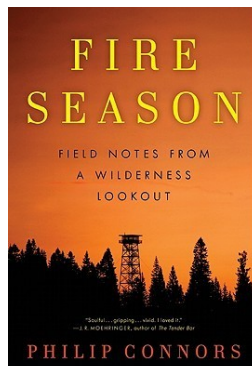
## Choir is BACK!!!

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.

September 9th 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.



October 7th The book for October is **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.

~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

It's canned soup month for September at the Pantry. Let's collect canned soups for the Sharing Center and our Blessing Box. 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 Nov. 13-20. That means our final collection date at Sharon Center UMC is Nov. 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

## September

9/14 7p Choir Rehearsal  
9/17 Back to Church Sunday  
9/17 3rd & 4th Grade Bible Day  
Potluck  
9/19 7p *Chosen* Study  
9/26 6p Herb Society  
6:30p Co-op Parent mtg  
7p *Chosen* Study

Future Dates:

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

## September Birthdays

- 4 - Sherri Buck  
Jill Cline
- 8- Barb Miller
- 9 - Nikki Danko
- 12 - Mark Shick  
Jacob Russell  
Deanna Pylypiak
- 13 - Charlene Baker
- 14 - Sue Kelly  
Chaze Wemmer
- 17 – Kennedy Breese
- 19 – Mya Chappell
- 20 – Kenzee Danko
- 22 - Isaac Highman  
Coraline  
Falconer
- 23 - Elise Lautenschleger
- 26 - Evan Lautenschleger,  
Rachel Nelson

## September Anniversaries

- 3 - Warren & Jean Geitgey
- 6 - Jim & Janice Jones
- 10- Pastor Jane & Dave Piehl
- 19 - Kerry & Jill Cline
- 23 - Lloyd & Pattie Fiste
- 25 - Joe & Aimee Brosch

## Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

Starting Tuesday September 19th at 7:00pm we will be studying *The Chosen III*. The study is for 8 weeks and will run through Nov. 14 (skipping Oct. 31.) Study of *The Chosen* has been a popular study. There is no need to have attended *The Chosen I & II*. So come and learn more about the words of Christ with the group. Sue Kelly will be leading the study.

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

## Back to Church Sunday

We will have Back to Church Sunday on Sept. 17. We will also have a potluck after the Service on Sept. 17. Bring a dish to share!



## 3rd and 4th Grade Bible Sunday



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 on September 17.

## 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.

## Upcoming Cookie Sundays

We will have Cookie Sundays the following dates:

October 15

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

We're off to a good start with our Sprinkle Kindness Initiative! In the first week of the program, we sprinkled 50 people with acts of kindness! I want to encourage you to continue to sprinkle people with kind acts and don't forget to give kindness card with each and every act you do. Also, don't forget to put your post-it notes in the blue envelopes found in your kindness bags and place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. And join us every Sunday through September 17 from 9:30a-10:15a for coffee and donuts! Sprinkle on!



## Update from Leadership Board

The Board met July 12, 2023

Items discussed included: The Spring Cleaning of the Church which is still being completed. I hope all of you noted the clean carpets. All carpet in the Church and Education Building have been cleaned. We are in the process of getting a bid to clean all the vinyl flooring.

Approval was given to support Pastor Jane to attend a Local Pastor Retreat in Lakeside.

Income from Sunday giving remains down and we have less than 6 months of operating expenses at this time.

We are looking at our Membership Roll. Many listed as members have had no contact with the church for years. We are attempting to contact them to see if they still want to remain members. If we are unable to contact them we will proceed with a removal of their membership according to Conference guidelines.

### Church Library

The Church Library that disappeared when we added on the addition to the Education Building has returned. Books are located in the Choir Room downstairs and are available to all. Also there are Bible Studies (DVDs and books) available. These can be done at home. Please return all items borrowed to the Church in a timely manner.

~Leadership Team

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

