

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter January/ February 2024

Dear Faith Friends:

This morning in Worship we celebrated NEW BEGINNINGS! A new year, a new season, a new opportunity to start over fresh and with enthusiasm. The Bible gives us endless examples of God giving people second chances, new starts, fresh opportunities, and a new birth. All we must do is turn to Him. Yet, sometimes, that's the hardest part.

A Bible verse that comes to mind when I think of beginnings is Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." God makes a way when there seems to be no way. There have been times in my life when I wondered if I could go on. Times were tough and I had used all the energy I could muster up by myself. I had nothing left. I didn't see a way through my wilderness. But God! I put my faith and trust in God and He provided a way.

We've been praying every Sunday to God to raise up new leaders and start new ministries at Sharon Center UMC. KEEP PRAYING.

Yesterday I had two people from our congregation approach me about NEW MNISTRIES at Sharon Center United Methodist Church. These are new ministries that haven't been done before and have the potential to transform our congregation and faith community. Neither one knew about the other, and both are in the very beginning stages, but I was so encouraged! I felt like God was giving me a hug and whispering in my ear, "See, I got this. I am with you".

Do you have something that God has put on your heart to serve the community or make Jesus more known? I'd love to hear about it.

God is raising up leaders in our community of faith and we are called to support them, give them the tools and the people they need, and invite others to come and see.

Each of us as followers of Jesus are in full-time ministry. All our life is in service to God, whether we are working, eating, relaxing or playing, it's all for the glory of God. Our community is our mission field! There is a sign over the door out of the Sanctuary as you exit that says, "Now entering the mission field". All our life is a mission field and a witness to the love, grace, and mercy of God. May you take every opportunity to share Jesus with others!

Pastor Jane

P. S. Have you tried texting your prayer request? The number is 855-527-8699. I suggest you put that number in your phone for future reference. We hope to send out prayer reminders for our weekly prayer time at noon on Monday and it will come from that number.



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!



Choir Corner

We will have choir rehearsal the following Thursdays:
January 25 at 7pm, and sing on Jan. 28
February 22 at 7pm and sing on Feb. 25

Thank you to all who left Christmas cards and gifts on the piano or piano bench last month! I was constantly surprised by your kindness and generosity! Happy New Year!

~Millie Frambaugh

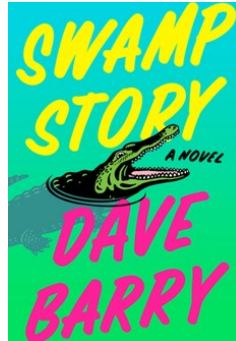
Book Club

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

February 3rd a book about a caper full of oddballs and more twists and turns than a snake slithering away from a gator will be discussed. It is written by Dave Barry and is titled *Swamp Story*.

March 2nd *Holly* a book by Stephen King, will be discussed. It is a thrilling novel where Holly solves the gruesome truth behind multiple disappearances in a Midwestern town.

~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 canned fruits and veggies in January and pasta sauces in February. 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.



Special Thanks

Thank you, Sharon Center United Methodist Church Community, for the generous monetary gift at Christmas! Dave and I are so appreciative of all the support each of you give us all year long, and now at Christmas. I can't tell you how much it means to me. Your words of encouragement and your partnership in the Gospel are making a difference every day. Have a blessed new year and keep Jesus first!

~Pastor Jane

Calendar

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

January

1/13		CPR class
1/16	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
1/21		Cookie Sunday
1/23	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
1/25	7p	Choir Practice
1/27	10a	Redistricting meeting
1/30	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study

February

2/3	10a	Book Club
2/4		Sub Order deadline
2/6	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
2/11		Cookie Sunday
		Sub pick up
2/13	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Chosen Study
2/14	6p	Soup Supper
	7p	Ash Wednesday Service
2/20	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Lenten Study
2/22	7p	Choir Practice
2/27	10a	Co-Op Group
	6p	Herb Society mtg
	7p	Lenten Study

March

3/13	7p	Leadership Team Mtg
3/24		Palm Sunday
3/28		Holy Thursday
3/29		Good Friday
3/31		Easter Sunday

Future Dates:

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

January Birthdays

- 7 - Bob Mravetz
- 11 - Doug Williams
Ann Passmore
- 20 - Aimee Brosch
- 24 - Millie Frambaugh
- 31 - Bill Baldwin
Edilene Coblentz
Randy Raw

January Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 3 - Shirley Graham
- 5 - Amy Falconer
- 10 - Christine Boche
- 15 - Pastor Jane Piehl
- 18 - Sharon Fox
Nicole Fox
Connor Haddix
- 20 - Chad Lahoski
- 28 - Eileen Smith

February Anniversaries

Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

We were unable to complete the study *The Way of the Chosen* in November due to our stimulating discussions. Therefore, the study will continue from Jan. 9 - Feb. 13.

The Lenten study is named *Savior - What the Bible Says about the Cross* by Magrey R. DeVega. The author will guide us through many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to Jesus. This study is for 6 weeks (2/20 -3/26/24).

~ Nancy Vogel

Upcoming Cookie Sundays

We will have Cookie Sunday on the following Sundays-

January 21

February 11

March 24

Join us after church to mingle and have snacks!

If you would like to provide treats or help with Cookie Sunday, let Millie know at (330) 285-8922

Update from Leadership Board

Policy Review

According to the calendar, Winter started on December 21st. Thus it is a good time to review Church's Weather Emergency Policy. It reads: It is the policy of Sharon Center United Methodist Church that in event of a snow or other extreme weather condition when Medina County generates an official Level 2 or above all activities, meetings, and Worship Services will be cancelled at the church for the safety of all concerned. Should an official Level 1 snow or weather emergency situation be in effect, the church will remain open for activities, meetings, and Worship services, and the decision hold such activities or attend them shall be made by those involved in said activities.

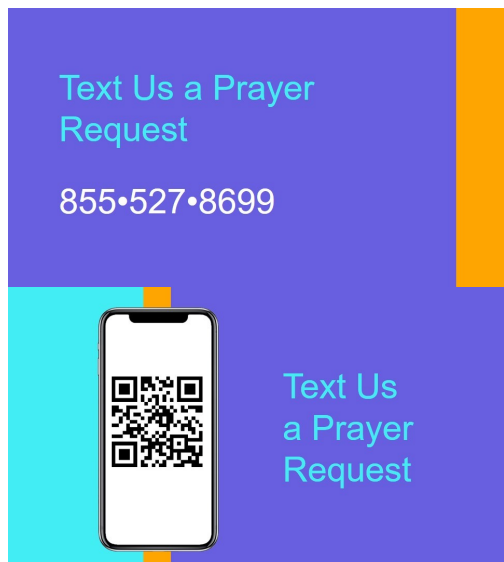
Leadership Board

The January meeting of the Leadership Board has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Leadership Board will be at 7:00pm on March 13, 2024.

~Nancy Vogel

Prayer Line

In the hospital? Have a life event that needs prayer? Please call the office and let us know so that we can pray for you and support you through life's ups and downs. We don't know unless you tell us! We believe that prayer changes things - and we need our community of faith during tough times. Thank you for your help!



Walk To Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72 hour (three day) retreat at Camp Wanake consisting of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace and what it means to follow Jesus. The weekend is filled with singing, food, community and laughter. If you are interested in deepening your walk with Jesus, please contact Pastor Jane. The next walk for Men is April 11 - 14 and for Women is April 18 - 21.

Ash Wednesday Service

We will have a Bread and Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday Service on February 14. Soup Supper will be at 6pm followed by service at 7pm.

Habitat Build

We are participating in the Habitat for Humanity building project on April 20, beginning at 8:30 AM at Lafayette United Methodist Church, 6201 Lafayette Road, Medina. Everyone can participate no matter what skill level or age. More details to follow. We will be constructing the frame in the parking lot of the church and then it will be transported to the home site. This will be a project of several United Methodist Churches in Medina County. Please plan for the whole family to participate.

East Ohio Conference Redistricting

On January 1, the East Ohio Conference will transition from 10 to four districts. Sharon Center United Methodist Church will change from the Canal District to the West Plains District. Clergy and laity are invited to participate in the first gathering in each new district the weekend of January 27-28 for a time of worshipping, connecting, and celebrating together with Bishop Tracy S. Malone, the superintendent teams and leadership in each district, and Conference staff. Our new District Superintendent is Rev. Nestor Nazario and Rev. Donna Van Trees. West Plains District will have their first gathering at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 27 @ Ashland First UMC (220 Sandusky Street in Ashland, 44805)

Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd.
Just North of Sharon Center Circle

ASH WEDNESDAY



February 14
Soup Supper: 6p
Service: 7p



Contact Us

Sharon Center UMC
6407 Ridge Rd.
P.O. Box 239
Sharon Center, OH 44274

Nicole Fox
(330) 239-1616
SharonCenterUMCSecretary@gmail.com

Pastor Jane
janepiehl@gmail.com
(330) 321-4700

Visit us on the web at:
www.SharonCenterUMC.org

Visit Us on Facebook!
Sharon Center UMC

Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

Sub Sale Fundraiser

Feb. 11

After church

Order forms due: Feb. 4

