

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

March 2024

Dear Family of God,

I remember sitting on the front porch of my mother's home on Stambaugh Avenue in Sharon, Pennsylvania when I was sixteen years old and being completely and totally bored out-of-my-mind. I remember feeling like time was passing ever-so-slowly, there was just *nothing* to do and I wanted to get started doing the things of life. I felt like I wasn't allowed to be free to do all the things I wanted to do. Time slowed.

Today, I feel so different. Time is speeding by at the speed of light and there aren't enough hours in the day to do all the things I want to do, people I want to see, places I want to go, experiences I want to jump in and do. I am realizing that I don't have all the time in the world anymore and that I must pick and choose what is most important. Each morning, I ask the Lord to so order my life that it brings glory to him and leads others to seek Him.

Do you ever wake up and find that your world is very different than it used to be? I imagine the Mary Magdalene's world was turned upside down when she came to Jesus' tomb and found it empty. Mary's reaction was to wait and pray. She surrounded herself with friends and they all waited and prayed together. Not a bad idea, is it? Maybe the next time you find yourself in the middle of change, you will stop, and spend some time to just be.

As we approach Easter week, let's prepare our hearts and minds for the returning Messiah, who is and was and is to come. Let's not get so busy in the doing that we forget to be the people of God, welcoming others into the Kingdom, caring for those in need and comforting those in crisis. Join us for our Easter Week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, sunrise at Greenleaf park, Easter Breakfast followed by Easter Celebration!

I'll see you there as we seek the peace that passes understanding in the presence of our Savior.

Blessings,

*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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"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." John 20:1



## Choir Corner

We will have choir rehearsal the following Thursdays:

March 21 at 7pm, and sing on March 24

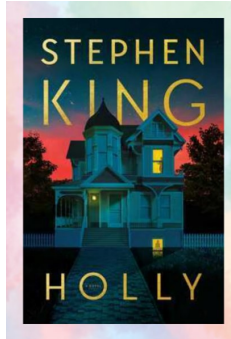
April 25 at 7pm, and sing on April 28

~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.

**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.



**April 6th** we will discuss *Agatha Christie: An Elusive Woman* by Lucy Worsley. With access to personal letters and papers that have rarely been seen, Lucy Worsley's biography is both authoritative and entertaining and makes us realize what an extraordinary pioneer Agatha Christie was—truly a woman who wrote the twentieth century  
~Nancy Vogel

## Food Pantry Collection

Let's stock the pantry with rice and potatoes this month. 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.



## Ukulele Group

Beginning on Wednesday, April 3 we will have a beginner Ukulele group meet at the church. We have 12 Ukulele spots available for anyone wanting to learn. It will

last 6 weeks and there will be an opportunity to play at the church on May 12.

## 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.

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship  
available on Facebook Live

## March

3/2	10a	Book Club
3/5	7p	Lenten Study
3/11	7p	Grief Group
3/12	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Lenten Study
3/13	7p	Leadership Team Mtg
3/16	8a/9a	Rice Meal Prep
3/18	7p	Grief Group
3/19	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Lenten Study
3/21	7p	Choir Practice
3/24		Palm Sunday
3/25	7p	Grief Group
3/26	10a	Co-Op Group
	6p	Herb Society
	7p	Lenten Study
3/28		Holy Thursday
3/29		Good Friday
3/31		Easter Sunday

## Easter Week Schedule

3/24	10:30a	Palm Sunday
3/28	7p	Maundy Thurs. Service
3/29	7p	Good Friday Service
3/31	7a	Sunrise Service at Greenleaf Park
	9a	Easter Breakfast at Sharon Center UMC
	10a	Egg Hunt
	10:30a	Traditional Sunday Service

Future Dates:

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

## March Birthdays

- 2 - Jean Geitgey
- Wanda Lang
- 3 - Chloe Brosch
- 10 - Larry Rexroad
- 17 - Pat Bernhard
- 21 - Eryn Graham
- 26- Benjamin Falconer
- 31 - Richard Frost

## March Anniversaries

- 27- John & Eileen Smith

### 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!

Text Us a Prayer Request

855•527•8699



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## Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

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).

Starting on April 2nd a study on Exodus Chapters 19-40 will begin. This will be a 10 week study on Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The study is entitled *God of Freedom* and Jan Wilkin will present the video portion of the study. After the video we will discuss the information which she shared with us  
~ Nancy Vogel

## Upcoming Cookie Sundays

We will have Cookie Sunday on the following Sundays-  
March 24  
April 28

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

## Grief Group

We will begin a 6 week session of Grief Group on Monday, March 11 at 7pm in the Conference Room at the Church. This will be lead by John & Lori Weiss.

## 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. 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. No power tools will be used. Supervision and training, lunch and snack provided.

On March 10 we will welcome guest speaker for the Habitat Building Project during church and taking a collection for it. You can sign up at the link through the church website. [www.sharoncenterumc.org](http://www.sharoncenterumc.org)  
click on the post on the main page and follow the sign up link.





## Easter Flower Order Form



Yes, believe it or not, Spring is on it's way! Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter morning by purchasing Spring Flowers. Once the Easter Service is over, you may take them home with you. Flowers may be purchased in Honor of, Celebration of, or Memory of those you love. What a beautiful way to remember someone!

This year we will be ordering Daffodils, Tulips, Lilies, Hyacinths, and Hydrangeas.

Lilies            \$11.50        Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils       \$9.50        Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips            \$9.50        Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths       \$9.50        Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangeas     \$20.00      Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Orders are due by March 20 to ensure adequate supply. Please fill out the following form and return to the office, the collection plate, or Nancy Baldwin with payment included.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

The prices vary on the products, so please make sure when you take your flowers after Easter services, that you take what you ordered.



# Good Friday Service Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281

**March 29**  
**7pm**

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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

# *Easter Services*

## **Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service 7am Greenleaf Park**

**Easter Breakfast 9am at the Church**

**Traditional Service at 10:30am**

