

# Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

April 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Faith Family,

It's easy to get bored when we do the same thing over and over again. We know how the story ends, we know who gets the girl, rings the bell, or wins the game. Church is the same every week, every month, every year. Or is it?

I read somewhere that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Do you come to church expecting the same old thing or do you come anticipating that God will do a new thing?

Every year Spring arrives with the return of the buzzards to Hinckley, the red buds popping out on the branches of the trees outside my window and the blooming of the tulips and those little purple flowers too. There's no stopping the seasons from arriving and departing, the rise of the moon and the setting of the sun. And yet, I don't seem to get bored with it. While at first glance it may seem the same, each season is different. I am different. I face each new season of my life with new information, new experiences, and new hopes. I don't get bored. I look for how God is making all things new, making me new, and I know that one day we will all be transformed in the blink of an eye.

Carrie Newcomer sings a song called "The Gathering of Spirits" and some of the lyrics are:

There's a gathering of spirits  
There's a festival of friends  
And we'll take up where we left off  
When we all meet again  
And we'll take up where we left off  
When we all meet again...

John writes in the book of Revelation chapter 19, verses 6 – 9: "Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.... blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." While we wait for the great banquet, we anticipate knowing that we will never be bored when we are all reunited, and we'll take up right where we left off, when we all meet again.

Let's open our eyes to new possibilities, and be open to the changes that the Holy Spirit has for each of us. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*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 Corner

We will have choir rehearsal the following Thursdays:

April 25 at 7pm, and sing on April 28

May 23 at 7pm, and sing on May 26

~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.

**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.



The book for **May 4th** is by Leon Uris. *Exodus* is the epic history of Israel's birth through the eyes of two generations of Jews as they fight to reclaim their homeland.

~Nancy Vogel

## Food Pantry Collection

Let's stock the pantry and Blessing Box with pasta items 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.



## Grief Group

Grief Group Continues it's 6 week session of through April 15 at 7pm in the Conference Room at the Church. This is lead by John & Lori Weiss.



## Ukulele Group

Beginning on Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm. we will have a beginner Ukulele group meet at the church. We have 12 Ukuleles available for anyone who doesn't have their own. Another 12 spots

will be available for those that do have their own. It will last 6 weeks and there will be an opportunity to play at the church on May 12. Sign up is available on the church website by clicking on the Ukulele box on the main page.

## Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 10:30a Worship  
available on Facebook Live

### April

4/1	7p	Grief Group
4/2	7p	Exodus Study
4/3	7p	Ukulele class
4/6	9a	Radio Group
	10a	Book Club
4/8	7p	Grief Group
4/9	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Exodus Study
4/10	7p	Ukulele class
4/11-4/14		Men's Emmaus
4/15	7p	Grief Group
4/16	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Exodus Study
4/17	7p	Ukulele class
4/18-4/21		Women's Emmaus
4/20	8:30a	Habitat Build
4/23	10a	Co-Op Group
	6p	Herb Society
	7p	Exodus Study
4/24	7p	Ukulele class
4/25	7p	Choir Practice
4/28		Choir Performs
	4p	Wedding
4/30	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Exodus Study

4/23-5/3/2024

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

### May

5/1	7p	Ukulele Group
5/7	10a	Co-Op Group
	7p	Exodus Study
5/8	7p	Ukulele Group
5/12		Mother's Day Ukulele Group plays
5/14	6:30p	Co-Op Family Night
	7p	Exodus Study
5/21	7p	Exodus Study
5/23	7p	Choir Practice
5/26		Choir Performs
5/27	7a-11a	Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
5/28	6p	Herb Society mtg
	7p	Exodus Study

Future Dates:

6/1	Lay Speaker Training
6/13-6/15	Annual Conference

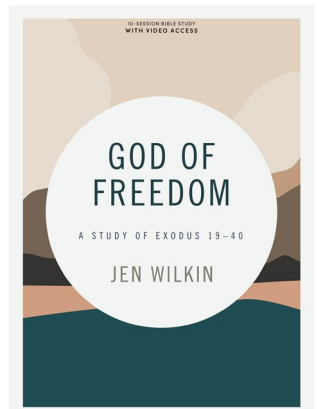
## April Birthdays

- 3 - Lois Berry
- 10 - Bobbie Davis  
Cora Breese
- 12 - Quinton Brady
- 13 - George Wemmer
- 18 - Mason Haddix
- 23 - Donna Nagy
- 24 - Craig Kehres
- 29 - Heather Lahoski

## April Anniversaries

## Foundations Team Spiritual Growth Discussions

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-

April 28

May 12

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

## 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. There will be a Fall Session of Emmaus, if interested, contact Pastor Jane.

## 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.

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.

## Leadership Board Updates

The Leadership Board met on March 13th. We reviewed the 2023 goals. None of which were met. New goals for 2024 were determined to be:

1. Increase attendance at Worship by 25% by December 31, 2024. (Increase of 8 people.)
2. Start 2 new small groups in 2024.
3. Increase children/youth engagements in the ministry of the church by 10 encounters.

The Board agreed to support the Habitat for Humanity Housing Project with a \$5,000 donation. Also money was approved for a Spring Update on the Labyrinth.

As required by our Church insurance a CM Sensor has been installed in the basement. This sensor will notify us 24/7 for water, extreme temperatures, and power outages, thus allowing us to act quickly to prevent small problems from becoming big problems. Nikki Fox and George Wemmer are monitoring this system.

Concerns were voiced regarding the condition of the Church after groups or people are using the space. A memo was sent to all groups using the Church regarding cleaning up after themselves. If you or your family use the Church for a function clean up after yourself. Other groups coming into the Church should not have to clean prior to their use. Also, please turn off the lights and check to be sure all doors are locked.

We have over 7 months of operating expenses on hand. The income for the past months has been low however so have the expenses. Lisa reported that we are paying a lot of taxes on purchased items which we should not be doing as the Church is tax exempt.

Please if you are purchasing something for the Church make sure to use the tax exempt number and form which is available in the office. Pastor Jane reported that a tax free account has been set up with Amazon. It was agreed by those present to join Amazon Prime for \$179 per year so that we would have free shipping. It was agreed by the Board to discontinue Sunday School during the summer months. Written activities will be available for children at the back of the sanctuary.

All Church policies were reviewed with no changes made. It is time for the All Church annual review of the Safe Sanctuary Policy. See attached for your review.

## Labyrinth Clean Up

We will begin cleaning up the Labyrinth this Spring. If anyone is available to help, let Pastor Jane know.

## VBS Planning

We are beginning to plan a VBS for this June, it will be shared with St. Paul's and Granger UMC, if anyone is available to help, let Pastor Jane know.

## Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

We will have our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on May 27 from 7a-11a. This meal is by donation. All proceeds benefit local charities. Contact Bob Mravetz if you can help out.

## Lay Speaker Class

West Plains District will offer a Lay Servent Training on June 1 from 8:30a-6p at Ashland First UMC (220 Sandusky Str. Ashland, OH. There is a form posted on the bulletin board for contact and form to sign up. Cost is \$25.



## 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!



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Service time: Sunday, 10:30a

# Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Date: 5/27

Time: 7a-11a

Location: Sharon Center UMC

6407 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH



Stop by before, during or after the  
Sharon Center Parade and Ceremony