Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

September 2025

We are currently working our way through the sermon series on prayer. Specifically, what we now call "The Lord's Prayer". This is the example Jesus gives in Matthew 6 and Luke 11. We know that this is a *template* not a mandate. We have learned the attitude behind the prayer is more important than the words or the posture. While we look up to God as our Heavenly Father and explore an intimate relationship with him through prayer, we also respect and revere Him as the awesome God he is.

We will continue to study this prayer into September. Throughout this study, we are looking at what we are saying to God and how what we say and what we ask for can change our lives. But we haven't talked about what happens after we pray.

Are we listening to hear God's answer? Do we set aside time after we pray to hear what God has to say in response? We need to allow ourselves to be open to hearing His answer to our prayer. We can do that through several spiritual disciplines. We can journal our thoughts after we pray. We can meditate and focus on God. We can seek the advice of a Spiritual Advisor. But I believe the surest way to hear the answer is to read God's word.

Yes, opening the Bible and committing time for us to read and reflect on God's Word is the best way to know what He is saying to us. I know that the world is demanding and a busy place but setting aside time for studying God's word will help our priorities to become clear and focused. Our world will make more sense to us when we know the Creator's plan for us.

I challenge each one of us to commit time to reading the Bible every day. If you never have, try to choose a time you can be consistent in your schedule. If you already read the Bible daily, consider adding another time in your day or extending the time you devote now. I guarantee those who read the Bible to know God better will *never* be disappointed.

Blessings and Peace! Pastor Wendy Brown



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 1 I am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



Joining Church

If you are interested in joining Sharon Center UMC contact Pastor Wendy. She will set up a meeting for a Membership Sunday.

Grief Support Group

We will continue Grief Group on Monday nights at 7pm in the Conference Room on Sept. 8. This is led by John and Lori Weiss.

East Ohio Conference Newsletter Link

Follow the following link to check out the East Ohio Conference Newsletters

https://wp.me/p3J1rz-4ZY (Aug. 18 edition)

https://eocumcnews.com/ (Main page)

West Plains District Newsletter Link

Follow the following link to check out the West Plains District Newsletter.

eastohio-email.brtapp.com/viewinsite/85519011f9f3f8ffd6a2471d653ff183

3rd Grade & Higher Bible Sunday

We will have a Sunday for 3rd & 4th Graders to receive their Bibles. (Or any elementary Student who hasn't gotten theirs yet). If there is a date this fall that works for families let the office know.

<u>Calendar</u>

Regular Schedule: Sun. 11am Worship

September

8am Men's Study at Bob Evans 9/8 7p Grief Group mtg 9/10 7p Leadership Team Mtg 9/11 6:30p Bonhoffer Study movie night at Granger UMC 9/15 7p Grief Group mtg Pastor Wendy at Retreat 9/15-9/16 9/22 7p Grief Group mtg 9/23 6:30p Herb Society mtg SPRC Consultation at 9/24 4p Wadsworth UMC

9/25 6:30p Bonhoffer Study at Granger UMC

9/29 7p Grief Group mtg

October

10/4 8am Men's Study at Bob Evans 10/6 7p Grief Group mtg 10/28 6:30p Herb Society mtg 10/31 6p-8p Trick or Treat night on the Circle

September Birthdays

- 4 Sherri Buck
- 8- Barb Miller
- 12 -Mark Shick
 Deanna Pylypiak
- 14 -Sue Kelly
 Chaze Wemmer
- 17- Kennedy Breese
- 20- Don Brown
- 22 -Coraline Falconer
- 23 -Elise Lautenschleger
- 26 -Evan Lautenschleger Rachel Nelson 28-Pastor Wendy Brown

September Anniversaries

23 - Lloyd & Pattie Fiste 25 - Joe & Aimee Brosch

Spiritual Growth Discussions Our Daily Breads are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Granger Men's Study Group meets at Bob Evan's on Rt. 18 near i71 on the First Saturday of the month at 8am. Sharon UMC is invited to attend.

Granger UMC will begin a Thursday evening study at 6:30p on *Bonhoffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin*. A movie night will be held the first week followed by the study beginning Sept. 25. There is a book to purchase in advance.



Trick or Treat on Sharon Circle

Sharon Center's annual Trick or Treat will be held on Oct. 31 from 6p-8p. We will serve our

annual hot dogs, hot chocolate, and pass out candy. Please bring in candy donations to be bagged up in Oct. for the event.

Help is always needed that night also.

Community Events to Join in on

The Sharon Women's Club will have their annual Fall Fest on Sept. 20 from 9a-4p at the Sharon Community Park. Stop on by for crafts and food trucks

The Sharon Firefighter's Association will have their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 28 from 8a-noon at the Sharon Fire Station. 1274 Sharon Copley Rd. They'll serve pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee. Food is free and donations are always appreciated.

Blessing Box/ Food Pantry Collection

Please remember the Blessing Box in front of the Church. There are people in our community that go to that box for food on a regular basis. Please pick up some food items and place in box or put in the back of the church and we will add them to the box. This is an important



ministry to our community and much needed in these hard times. Thank You for your help.

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Service time: Sunday, 11am



Join us for Community Trick-or-Treat night. Oct. 31 6p-8p

Candy being collected to pass out, please put at back of sanctuary.

We'll hand out hot chocolate and hot dogs

