

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter November 2025

A Message of Thanksgiving

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As autumn paints our world in vibrant hues and the season of Thanksgiving approaches, my heart is filled with gratitude for each one of you. November is a time when we are invited to pause, reflect, and remember the countless blessings that God has bestowed upon us—both great and small. Yet, as we count our blessings, we are also reminded by Scripture to be thankful not only in times of abundance, but in all circumstances.

The Apostle Paul encouraged the early church with these words: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV). These are not just words for easy days—they are a call to gratitude even when life is difficult, when worries weigh us down, or when we face uncertainty. It is in these moments that our faith is refined and our trust in God deepens.

Jesus reminds us that gratitude is not dependent on our external circumstances, but on the steadfast love of our heavenly Father. By giving thanks in every situation, we are reminded of God’s unfailing presence and are opened to see His blessings even in unexpected places. As Psalm 107:1 proclaims, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

It is easy for those of us who live in abundance to be grateful for what we have. It is also easy for us to grow entitled and turn a blind eye to the needy. Oftentimes we feel we have earned what we have, forgetting that it is only by the grace of God that we are so blessed. I pray that as we reflect on our lives of abundance and worship God in gratitude and praise, that we remember to also feed the poor, clothe the naked, and visit those imprisoned. These are the things Jesus calls us to do with our lives of abundance. It is only when each person has enough to eat and drink, warm clothes to wear, and hope in Christ that the Kingdom of God will be realized. This is our responsibility but also our greatest joy—to give as Christ gave for each other.

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Wendy

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:15-23



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 11am 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. 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://eocumcnews.com/2025/10/27/october-27-2025/>
(Oct. 27 edition)

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

West Plains District Newsletter Link

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

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viewinsite/97437ae09946802ed459ab249d16823f](http://eastohio-email.brtapp.com/viewinsite/97437ae09946802ed459ab249d16823f)

Hanging of the Greens

On November 29 at 10am we will have Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church. All are welcome to help decorate the church and enjoy some fellowship with our church family.



All Saint's Sunday

All Saint's Sunday is Nov. 2. We will honor those that passed this last year with lighting of a candle and flower.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



Please pick up a Shoebox and tag at the back of the sanctuary (you may have gotten a tag in the mail also). Shoeboxes will need returned by Nov. 16 to be dropped off at the collection point that week.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 11am Worship

November

11/1 8am Men's Study at Bob Evans
11/2 All Saint's Sunday
11/3 7p Grief Group mtg
11/10 7p Grief Group mtg
11/16 OCC Shoebox Return Deadline
11/17 7p Grief Group mtg
11/24 7p Grief Group mtg
11/25 6:30p Herb Society mtg
7p Thanksgiving Service at St.
Paul Lutheran Church
11/29 10am Hanging of the Greens

November Birthdays

2 - Grace Pylypiak

7 - Marge Raw

15 - Daniel Buck

18 - Nancy Baldwin

19 - Kathy Shaw

Drew Brown

24- Hoyt Pylypiak

Celia Pylypiak

November Anniversaries

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.

Prayer Chain

We are starting a new prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, please contact Nancy Baldwin. Phone 330-350-0913.

Nancy's e-mail address baldwinwn@aol.com.

Please send your name, e-mail address and phone number. Nancy will contact each one of you after she gets a list together.

Community Events to Join in on

The Sharon Firefighter's Association will have their semi-annual Fish Fry on Nov. 8 from 11am-5pm (or sold out). Carry out and dine in is available. Cost is \$15.00 per meal and includes fish, fries, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert, drink.

Pop Tab collection

Looking for a simple project to help out big? Collect pop tabs! These can be saved in a baggie and brought to the church and will be given to Ronald McDonald House. There is also a jar in the Gathering Space to drop individual tabs in.

Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Tues. Nov. 25 at 7pm. They are putting together a combined choir and looking for interested participants. They plan to have a rehearsal the weekend before the service. A sign up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary or you can email the office. They would like an estimate to order the music.

Poinsettia Orders

It's that time of year! We will be taking Poinsettia Orders through Dec. 14. Please fill out the form and return to the office, to Nancy Baldwin or place in the offering plate. They will be \$13 and you are welcome to take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.



Poinsettia Order Form

Our sanctuary will be decorated the Sunday before Christmas with Poinsettias ordered by members of our congregation in honor of, in memory of, or to celebrate loved ones. You can also purchase one to be given to a homebound individual. The names of donors will be listed in an insert in the bulletin.

Poinsettias may be ordered for \$13.00 each using the following form. You may place the order form with payment in the collection plate on Sundays, return to the office by drop off or email, pay online. If you pay online please let the office know and send form with info by email or drop off. Orders for poinsettias will be taken until Dec. 14th.

You may take the poinsettias home after Christmas Eve, Sundays following Christmas, pick up during office time at church, or have dropped off at your home by request.

Poinsettia \$13.00 Quantity ordered_____

In Honor of_____

In Celebration of_____

In Memory of_____

Given by_____

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



Hanging of the Greens

Date: Saturday Nov. 29

Time: 10am

Come help decorate the church