Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter November 2026



November is a strange time of year for the church. The world around us has just celebrated Halloween, and they look forward to Christmas, though increasingly they do not understand the reason for the season. They believe November to be a month without holidays. Many no longer celebrate Thanksgiving, preferring to fight the crowds at the retail giants for the mega sale items of the year.

However, we in the western church recognize and celebrate three holy days, or holidays, with meaningful and deliberate remembrance. The first is All Saints Day on November 1st. This holiday has been celebrated since the fourth century, though not always on November 1st. Pope Gregory IV set the November 1st date for All Saints Day in the ninth century as he dedicated a chapel at St. Peter's in Rome. On this date we remember and celebrate those saints of the church who have gone on to glory before us, especially those in the last year. We honor each person who has died in the last year by the reading of their name, tolling of the bell, and lighting of a candle in the Methodist tradition. We honor all members of the church, both living and dead, on All Saints Day.

The last Sunday before Advent is "Christ the King" Sunday. This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical calendar. On this day we look forward to the second coming of Christ. When he returns in full glory and establishes his reign on earth. This holiday is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, being added in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to ultra-nationalism. This holiday reminds us of Christ's sovereignty over all creation and his rule and reign as the ultimate kingdom. The following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and also the first Sunday of our liturgical calendar. Here we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child in four weeks, on December 25th.

And finally, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. A day of feasting and prayer honoring God, Jehovah-Jireh, the One who provides. We come together as family and friends to eat a big meal at the end of harvest season. But this meal is so much more to us. We are reminded of the importance of family and of breaking bread together around a common table. We catch up with distant relatives and friends. We can reminisce about old times and make plans to spend more time together. But most importantly, Thanksgiving Day is just what its name declares: it is a day to give thanks to God for his provision in our lives.)

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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 11am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



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While all the food, family, and friendship are wonderful, it is important to recognize who has blessed us with all the good in our lives. As Christians, we should be thanking God every day for his blessings upon us. Let us not lose sight of this important aspect of Thanksgiving Day.

No matter what holiday we are celebrating, it is always best to celebrate together! We should be mindful of those around us who may be all alone at the holidays. Let us reach out in the love of Christ to those lonely folks and invite them into our celebrations. No one should have to celebrate the love of God alone as long as the church is still in this world!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Wendy

Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the church for Christmas on Nov. 21 at 10am. All are invited to come help decorate.

Poinsettia Orders

We will decorate the church for Christmas with Poinsettias. Keep an eye out for information as we get closer to December.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are being collected Nov. 16-23. We will bring them in on Nov. 15 so they can be dropped off that week. Boxes are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at Granger UMC this year on Nov. 22 at 7p. All are invited to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Service Choir

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Granger UMC this year and Adam Bergeron will lead the Choir for the evening. If you are interested in participating please contact him.

Christmas Eve Service

Sharon Center UMC will have Christmas Eve Service at 7p on Dec. 24 this year.

Calendar

Regular Schedule:
Sun. 11am Worship

November

11/7 8a Men's Study at Bob Evans
11a-5p Sharon Firefighter's Fish Fry
11/15 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection deadline
11/18 6p Leadership Team mtg
11/21 10a Hanging of the Greens
11/22 4-6p Choir Practice for Thanksgiving Service
11/22 7p Community Thanksgiving Service at Granger UMC
11/28 4p-6p Spaghetti Dinner @ Sharon UMC
11/29 7p Sharon Community Christmas Gathering at Town Hall

December

12/1 11a Senior Lunch Grp @GUMC
12/5 8a Men's Study at Bob Evans
12/6 1:30p Christmas Concert by Adam Bergeron at Granger UMC
12/24 7p Christmas Eve Service

November Birthdays

2 - Grace Pylypiak

7 - Marge Raw

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.

Spaghetti Dinner



Mark your calendars! Sharon Center UMC will have a spaghetti dinner on Nov. 28 from 4p-6p. It will be by donation and you can participate in the Highland Community Support Network Adopt-a-Family. Meal includes: Spaghetti with meatballs, or plain sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage

Community Events to Join in on

-Senior Lunch with guest speaker at Granger UMC on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am.

-Sharon Firefighter's Fall Fish Fry will be Nov. 7 from 11a-5p at the Town Hall.

-The Sharon Community Christmas Gathering will be Nov. 29 at 7p at the Town Hall with Tree Lighting and singing.

-There will be a Christmas Concert at Granger UMC on Dec. 6 at 1:30p by Adam Bergeron. The cost is $10 and a portion of proceeds will go to Feeding Medina County.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Service

At Granger UMC
1235 Granger Rd. Medina, OH 44256

November 22

7p

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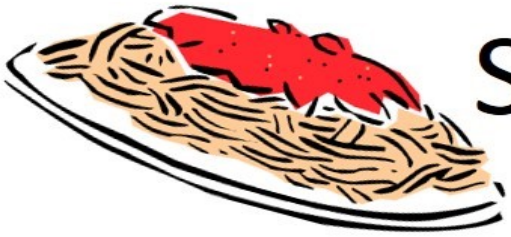
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Service time: Sunday, 11am



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