

The Evangelical Messenger

February, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship

In – Person

Worship in the church sanctuary in person on Sunday's mornings at 10:30 a.m.

On the second Sunday of each month, worship and a time of refreshments will be in the Fellowship

Website

www.sharonumchurch.org

The virtual worship is available on our website at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Scroll down the left side of the home page and click on the "Weekly Worship Page." Or, click on the Worship Tab then Weekly Worship. For previous Sunday worship services, click on Worship Archives.

YouTube

A recording of the virtual service will be posted to YouTube under Sharon UMC usually at 8 :00 am

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A Message from Pastor Tom



Hello Church!

February is the month of love, they say. It is the month that we send cards, candy and chocolates to our favorite person. It is a month that we declare our love and adoration of another. With that said, may it be a month to think of love in a deeper, fuller way. May we begin to process and understand the depth and meaning of God's love for humanity. May we begin to comprehend the extent to which God has displayed His love for us.

One of the ways we can do that is through the family dynamic of the small group. As some of you may know, we have been working through the book *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson. This book has been (continued on Page 2)

shaping and preparing Sharon Church to offer a different kind of small group. One that is aimed at supporting those that join to not only notice God in their lives, but to also examine God and what He is doing in their lives. The group asks but one question each week, "How is it with your soul," or "How is your life with God?" The group meets weekly with the goal of watching over one another in love and not becoming isolated in our faith.

I am in prayer and ask that you would be also, that Sharon Church would begin to offer these new small groups beginning the first week of the Lenten season. We learned this week that of those that gave 6 weeks to these new groups, 98% remained in the group. So, I ask of you, when our groups begin, pick one and give it 6 weeks. Be open to exploring your faith with others, and see how God begins to shape and mold your life. Make this year the year that you venture down the road of discovery, the road of wonder, the road of grace that leads to new life, eternal life even.

In other news, I would like to inform you that we will be having some opportunities to learn more about the situation our denomination is going through. These are being planned as follows: February 7, 8, 10 from 12-1 pm and February 7, 9, 10 from 7-8 pm. Both sets will be held in the Conference Room. I would ask that you let me know which day and time so that we do not over book the space. I would like to keep each group to a small group, to best answer questions and to respect one another's time. If we need to schedule more opportunities, we will do so. This conversation is not the easiest to have but needs to be done. May we be in prayer as we continue to move forward.

Friends may the LORD bless you and yours as we venture into the newness that is coming. May you grow in your walk with God and thus grow in boldness of making disciples.

Be a Blessing, Pastor Tom



Saturday, February 11 - 8:00 am
Sharon UM Church Fellowship Hall

Come.
Partner with God.
Follow Jesus.
Serve the Community
Together.



GAME DAY

Saturday

February 11 - 1pm to 5 pm

Refreshments

Board Games & More

(in the Fellowship Hall)

Open to the Community

Come and Invite your Friends

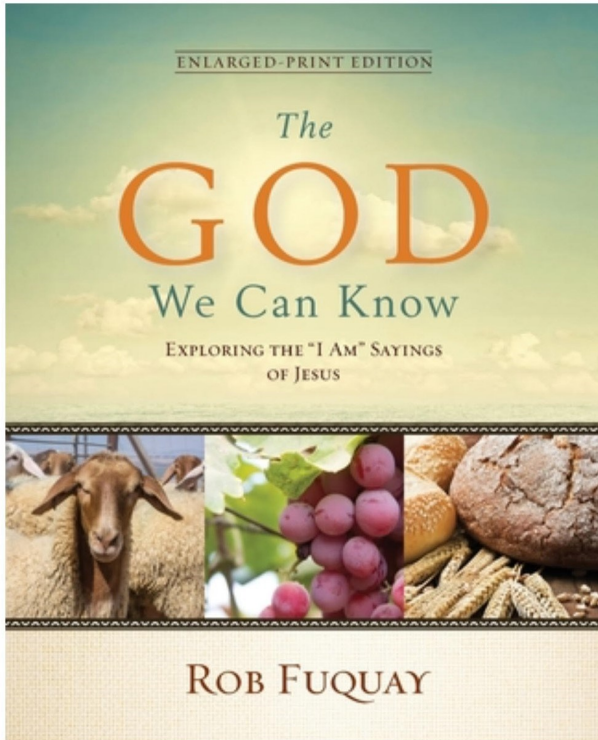
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Details to come in weekly email

Lenten Study

Beginning February 26

Sundays at 9:00 (led by Suzi Palmer Weber)
and 2:30 (led by Past Tom Waller)
(in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room)



Ark Bus Tour

with St. John's Church (Bridgewater)

April 1st — 6 am to midnight

The Ark Encounter: Life Size Noah's Ark

In Williamstown, Kentucky

Fee includes bus fare, driver tip
(\$40 if every bus seat is filled)

and

Entry to the Ark ranges from \$40 for young children
to \$87 for adults.

The group will be at the ark for approximately eight
hours. Other activities and food vendors are
available at your cost.

If interested, contact Mike Schaible at

734-223-4144

Sharon Church "Half and Half" Bible Reading Plan

The first 33 books were assigned in January; the other 33 will be read over the rest of the year



February Readings

(Genesis Exodus, Psalms on Sunday)

2/1	Genesis 1-5	2/11	Genesis 33-35	2/20	Psalms 6-7
2/2	Genesis 6-9	2/12	Genesis 36-39	2/21	Exodus 8-10
2/3	Genesis 10-12	2/13	Psalms 4-5	2/22	Exodus 11-13
2/4	Genesis 13-16	2/14	Genesis 40-41	2/23	Exodus 14-16
2/5	Genesis 17-20	2/15	Genesis 42-44	2/24	Exodus 17-19
2/6	Psalms 1-3	2/16	Genesis 45-47	2/25	Exodus 20-22
2/7	Genesis 21-23	2/17	Genesis 48-50	2/26	Exodus 23-25
2/8	Genesis 24-26	2/18	Exodus 1-4	2/27	Psalms 8-10
2/9	Genesis 27-29	2/19	Exodus 5-7	2/28	Exodus 26-28
2/10-	Genesis 30-32				



February

- 1 Gigi Voegeding
- 2 Theo Voegeding
- 5 Mark J. Schulze
- 6 Lynette Clark
- 14 Andrea Dowhal
- 17 Steve Milkey
- 19 Nicole Huehl
- 21 Lois Milkey
- 24 Pete Harris
- 24 Amanda Pratt
- 26 Gary Voegeding
- 28 Melanie Huehl
- 28 Tammy Lynch

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can recognize you next year.

Do You Have Returnable Cans and Bottles You Would Like To Donate?



Andrea Dowhal will return them for you, and she will donate the money to the Well Fund!

Contact her at
(734) 478-3617
to make arrangements.



February

- 15 Ron and Linda Milkey
- 17 Mel and Sharon Stockard

Sharin' Women

Monday, February 13

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to come and be a part of this group. This month, we will be cleaning the kitchen.

We are planning some fun future activities, so come and join us!

Alter Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet in the church entry for anyone who would like to help out with alter flowers.

There are several months available to choose from. If you would like to do a day in memory of someone, contact the church office no later than the previous Tuesday.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMC Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, June 28

January Giving

(January 1—January 29))

General Fund	12,361.98
Christmas	1,500.00
Missions	446.00
Book Purchase	176.10
Well Fund	40.00
Scrap Drive	505.00
CenterShot	20.00
Total	\$15,049.08

(not audited)

Thank you for continuing to financially support Sharon Church.

In addition to offerings on Sunday morning, offerings may be mailed to the church office or given on-line at www.sharonumchurch.org

Sunday Morning

Worship Attendance

January 1	45
January 8	57
January 15	56
January 22	49
January 29	51

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour including birthday cake for all who have February birthdays will be February 12th following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet to help is in the church entry.

Walking Group

The Fellowship Hall is open Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 for anyone who would like to come walk and get a few extra steps in.