

The Evangelical Messenger

March, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship

In – Person

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

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

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!

So much has happened since we last met here. Many homes were without power. The Lenten season began with a virtual Ash Wednesday service. The Center Shot program hosted a Girl Scout troop. We had small group meetings about the denomination. We voted for Michelle McCalla and her continuation toward becoming a Licensed Local Pastor. I am sure that you can come up with others as well. There is the monthly Game Day, a Mardi Gras potluck, new pew Bibles, and a new printer in the office.

And still, there is one other thing that I would like to draw out attention to this month. This one is for the whole congregation. This one is for anyone ready to take a step forward in their faith walk with Jesus. It is called the Class Meeting. As many of you may know, the Sundays at 9 and 2:30 groups spent 8 weeks learning about the class meeting; what it is, and why it is important for the church. (continued on Page 2)



The deep purpose of Methodism was to help folks come to faith in Christ and grow in their faith. The class meeting is designed to support those that are seeking Jesus to find new life in him. John Wesley understood that real growth in Christ comes when we consistently put ourselves in a position to be renewed by God's grace. And one of the best ways to do that is by joining others who are seeking to know more about Jesus in a class meeting.

It is not Bible study. You do not have to read a book. There is no video to watch. As a side note, if you are looking for that, then consider joining either the 9 am or 2:30 pm group on Sundays or starting a new group. The class meeting consists of small groups, 6-12 people, that are willing to answer one question, "How is it with your soul?" The question has been updated like this, "How is your life with God? How have you felt God's presence in the past week?" And that is it.

The class meeting is a place to begin to work on your life with God, while being connected with others who seek the same thing, to know Christ more fully. There will be three groups starting this month. Nancy Flint is hosting at her home a Tuesday group at 11:30 am, led by Shirley Disch. Pastor Tom is hosting at the fellowship hall a Thursday group at 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Tom. There will also be a Wednesday group hosted and led by Susan Huehl and Suzy Palmer-Weber, with a time TBD.

I would encourage if ever you have thought about taking your spiritual walk to a new place to give one of these new groups a try and see what God will do. Within the book, it was suggested that folks give the group 6 weeks. I would encourage the same. If you are ready to move forward in your faith development, give a group 6 weeks and see what happens.

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

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



Sunday, March 12



COMMUNITY GAME DAY

**COME ONE COME ALL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Saturday, March 11 from 1pm to 5pm

**Sharon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
19980 Pleasant Lake Rd, Manchester**

Refreshments will be provided

Board Games & More



Adult Lenten Study

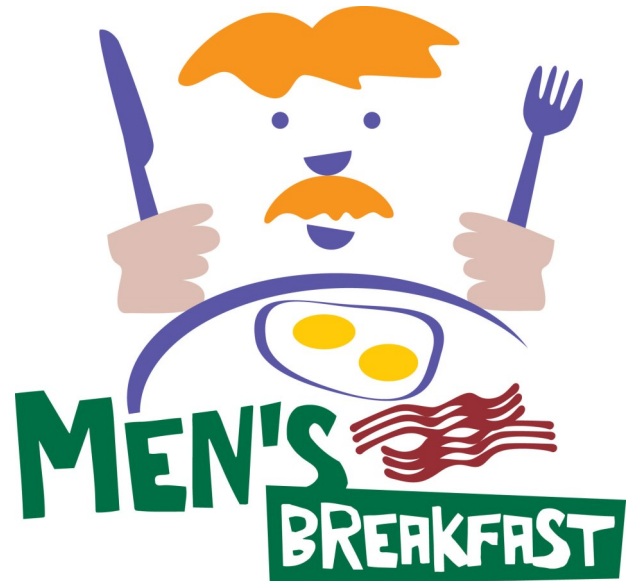
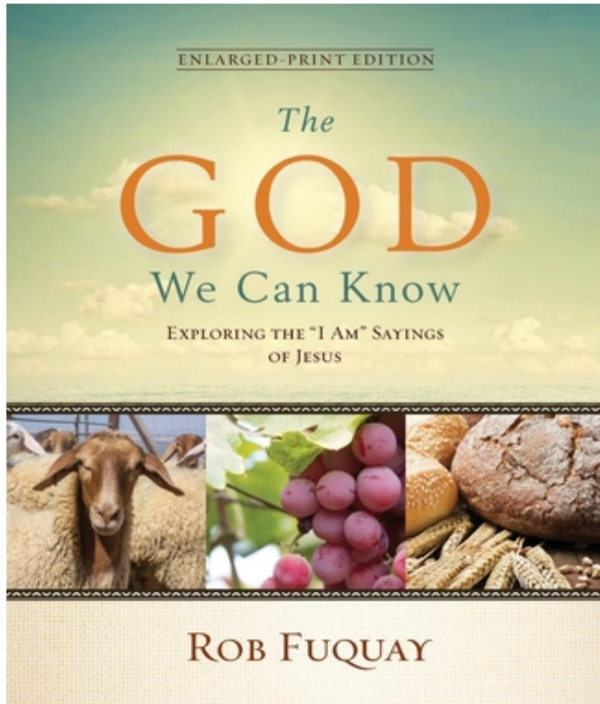
(It's Not to Late to Join)

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)



Saturday, March 11

8:00 am

Sharon UM Church Fellowship Hall

CenterShot

The CenterShot program continues as an outreach to the community. On Sunday, February 26., ten girls from the Manchester Brownie troop and one teenager participated in the program.

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



March Readings

(Exodus, Leviticus, Hebrews, Numbers, Psalms on Sunday)

3/1	Exodus 29-31	3/12	Leviticus 14-15, Hebrews 7	3/23	Numbers 1-3
3/2	Exodus 32-34	3/13	Psalm 16-17	3/24	Numbers 4-6
3/3	Exodus 35-37	3/14	Leviticus 16-17, Hebrews 8	3/25	Numbers 7-9
3/4	Exodus 38-40	3/15	Leviticus 18-19, Hebrews 9	3/26	Numbers 10-12
3/5	Leviticus 1-3; Hebrews 1	3/16	Lev. 20-21, Hebrews 10	3/27	Psalm 19-21
3/6	Psalm 11-15	3/17	Lev. 22-23, Hebrews 11	3/28	Numbers 13-15
3/7	Leviticus 4-5, Hebrews 2	3/18	Leviticus 22-23 Hebrews 11	3/29	Numbers 16-18
3/8	Leviticus 6-7, Hebrews 3	3/19	Lev. 24-25, Hebrews 12	3/30	Numbers 19-21
3/9	Leviticus 8-9, Hebrews 4	3/20	Psalm 18	3/31	Numbers 22-24
3/10-	Leviticus 10-11, Hebrews 5	3/21	Hebrews 13		
3/11	Leviticus 12-13, Hebrews 6	3/22	Leviticus 26-27		



March

- 4 Carol Huehl
- 5 Patrick Clark
- 13 Sharon Stockard
- 13 Edna Keezer
- 15 Nancy Feldkamp
- 15 Nick Huehl
- 17 Rick Clark
- 17 Susan Armour
- 21 Aana Drake
- 23 Christine Drake
- 23 Kathleen Graddy
- 23 Randy Armour
- 23 Eric Kalmbach
- 31 Jonathan Clark

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know



March

- 27 Bill and Deb Bennett

SAVE THE DATE

**SUMC Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, June 28**



Flowers for Easter Sunday

It is a tradition at Sharon Church to decorate the alter with spring plants such as tulips, hyacinths and Easter lilies

If you would like to place a flower on the alter, please bring your flower(s) to the Fellowship Hall for Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We will see that they are moved to the church prior to Easter Sunday.

Please let the church office know by Monday, March 27, if your plant is in memory or honor of someone.

(Please put your name on your plant and take it home with you after Easter Sunday worship.)

Sharin' Women

Monday, March 13

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

The Sharin' Women meet regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month. All women (of any age) are invited to come to our meetings and participate in the outreach projects we do. We also do many projects to support the work of the church. Our project last month was to clean and organize the kitchen and its cabinets. (Next month will be more fun!)

February Giving

(February 5—February 26)

General Fund	13,545.85
Missions	446.00
UMCOR—Turkey	120.00
Book Purchase	30.00
Well Fund	2,038.00
4 in 40 Lenten Offering	47.50
CenterShot	37.01
Total	\$16,264.36

(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

February 5	57
February 12	56
February 19	48
February 26	49

March Coffee Hour

and Birthday Celebration

Immediately following worship in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 12, there will be coffee hour and a birthday cake to celebrate those with March birthdays.



**March
24th & 25th
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Readers to Leaders Used Books+ Sale

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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DONATION INTAKE SPECIALISTS

FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION SPECIALIST

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST



**Please contact
Richard@CodeDucky.net
if you would like to
donate or volunteer.**

DONATIONS NEEDED

GENTLY LOVED BOOKS

COMPLETE PUZZLES

COMPLETE GAMES

CLEAN EDUCATIONAL TOYS



Pop Cans

or Bottles to Return?

If you would like to donate them, Andrea Dowhal will return them and the money will be donated to the Well project.

Bring them to church or contact Andrea at (734) 478-3617 to make other arrangements.

Easter Walk

Saturday April 8 at Carr Park

Volunteers are needed!

**Please contact Darlene Schaffer
at schaffer@2020comm.net if you can help.**

The story of the first Easter morning will be shared as you walk along visiting several stops with the pages of a story book **'Twas the Morning of Easter** by author Glenys Nellist. The book will be on display with readers to greet the children and families. This will be our second year of presenting this story to children and families. Please consider volunteering.

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.

Spring