

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2023

# ***THE CORNER CHURCH BEACON***

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

**Worship  
10:30 am**

**December Worship  
will be in the Church Sanctuary  
(Coffee Hour on December 10  
will be in the church basement)**



Hello Church.

December is upon us. It is time for hot cocoa with marshmallows. It is time for sending and receiving holiday cards. It is time to think about the past year and all the ups and downs. We will see Top 10 lists for this and that. Within a review of the year, we will be reminded of some horrible things that took place and be warmly surprised at other events that happened.

Closer to home, may we recall that we are coming to the closing of one chapter and beginning a new. Here at Sharon Church, we have moved from the United Methodist Church and into the Global Methodist Church. What does this mean? The most simplistic answer is that we have moved into a place of newness, a place that seeks a mission that will, “make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.” I will speak more to this in the New Year. With that said, our vision here at Sharon Church speaks to how we will fulfill this mission, as we seek to call ourselves and others to Come and Follow Jesus as we Partner with God and Serve the community together. Which has me pondering two things...

The first one seems clear; do we all agree with the forward movement? The simple answer, no. I realize that not everyone is excited about this new direction. Know that each day I prayerfully consider how this impacts you all. I seek repentance and reconciliation for any harm that has been reciprocated. May we all seek to be humble servants of God, and not become mere presenters of pious living. Rather may we strive together for holiness.

Secondly, I have been prayerfully thinking about this phrase, intentional evangelism. What is it and how do we begin to live into it? I wonder if you would be willing to join me in prayer over the next two months as we ponder what this phrase means and how we, as a church family, can live into to it. I would suggest that intentional evangelism will begin in a place of deep intentional, personal reflection on one’s own relationship with God.

I believe that God has something mighty in store for the people of Sharon Church and I look forward to walking into that with all of you. With that said, will you join me in intentional prayer over the next two months? Will you join me in lifting our church family and our surrounding communities in prayer? May we seek God’s counsel on how best to be purposeful in sharing the Gospel message, how best we will call others to come and follow Jesus, to begin a life-long journey of partnering with God while we serve the community together.

May we grow together in our love of God, self, and neighbor; to be a church community in which the people we live with outside of the church building know that they are loved by God and by we, the church.

Be a Blessing,  
Pastor Tom



# December Happenings



**Saturday, December 2**  
**Sharon Church Craft Show**

**9:00 - 3:00**

**Lunch available 11:00 - 1:00**

**Saturday, December 16**  
**Family Christmas Dinner**  
**and Talent Show**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Do you have a talent to share?**  
**Contact Stephanie Little at 734-845-7634**  
**to be a part of the program.**

**Arrive at 5:00 - Dinner at 5:30**  
**Meat and drinks will be provided**  
**Bring a dish to pass.**

**Saturday**  
**December 9**

**Caroling 12:30 - 1:30**  
**Meet at Fellowship Hall at Noon**

**Game Day 1:00 - 5:00**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Women's Outing**  
**Dinner at Bob Evan's 4:30**  
**"Sidewalk Prophets"**  
**Christmas Production**  
**(must have ticket)**  
**more details on page 5**



**Christmas Eve Services**

**4:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**11:00 pm with Communion**



## Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour on December 10 will be in the church basement following the worship service. If you would like to help out by making coffee or bringing an appetizer or cookies, please contact Susan Huehl, our Coffee Hour coordinator, at 734-216-6904 or the church office 734-428-0996.



## Sundays at 9:00 and 2:30

This is your opportunity to read and study God's word and to strengthen your faith. Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall, and you are invited to come be a part of either group.



## Class Meetings

are ongoing throughout the year. There are now two meetings with more to soon be added.

There is a meeting at Nancy Flint's on Tuesdays at 11:30 and one at the church on Thursday's at 7:30.

The question each week is "How is your life with God" or "Where have you seen God at work in your life."

To learn more or join a group, please speak with Pastor Tom or call the church office at 734-428-0996.



# Christmas Craft Show

*Sharon UM Church Fellowship Hall*

*Saturday, December 2*

*9 am to 3 pm*

*Lunch available for purchase*

*11:30 to 1:00*

*Come out and support the crafters from the community and  
some from our congregation!*



The night features an joy-filled Christmas concert featuring Sidewalk Prophet's original Christmas music, as well as, the hit songs that you know and love. In addition to the music, this night is full of surprises, and maybe some surprise gifts too!

A group from the church is planning to attend this Christmas production. If you don't already have a ticket, they should still be available for purchase at Grace Church.

We are planning to meet at 4:30 for dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant on Michigan Ave in Jackson prior to the show. If you are interested in carpooling from the church, please contact the church office at 734-428-0996.

Like to Bowl!



Family Ministries is planning a bowling outing, hoping to find a date in the first week of January. Watch for details!

## Mission Project I92 Ministries

On Tuesday evening, November 7th, thirty-four individuals ranging from kids to adults, joined together to pack beans and rice for Haiti. This was a community effort between some of our church members and our neighbors in the community wanting to support this mission.



### Sharin' Women

The women's group meets regularly on the second Monday of each month. They share a devotional time, plan and organize mission and outreach projects and fundraising to support these projects. This past month, Elizabeth Hewett led a devotion on spending quite time reading the Bible and in prayer. She instructed the group on decorating a candle to use during this quiet time. Thank you, Elizabeth!



### Plan Ahead Scrapbooking Lovers!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 3 Marge Lozier
- 10 Deb Bennett
- 16 Andrea Clark
- 17 Brady McGiugan
- 20 Philip Voegeding
- 21 Doug Parr
- 30 Isaac Flint

## Happy Anniversary

- 16 Richard and Donna Clark
- 18 Joe and Marge Lozier
- 22 Doug and Debbie Kothe

# *Attendance and Giving*

| Date  | Attendance | Offering  | Other  | Total     |
|---|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 5-Nov   | 66         | 1,440.60  | 80.00  | 1,520.60  |
| 12-Nov  | 56         | 795.00    | 360.00 | 1,155.00  |
| 19-Nov  | 58         | 3,453.00  | -      | 3,453.00  |
| 26-Nov  | 49         | 10,170.00 | 35.00  | 10,205.00 |
|   |            | 15,858.60 | 475.00 | 16,333.60 |
| In addition, all funds for disaffiliation have been received. |            |           |        |           |

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