

**SHARON CHURCH**  
A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

**MARCH 2024**

# ***THE CORNER CHURCH BEACON***



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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:30 am**

**Greetings Church.**

**Howdy, Church. Here we meet again, in the newsletter. Did you know that one of the best ways to know what is going on in the life of the local church is to... wait for it... be involved! The best way to be involved is to participate in a small group. And while I am at it, may I suggest the Class Meeting. I would say out of the different types of small groups I have been part of, this one offers a true form of discipleship training. Do not take my word for it, ask the others that are participating.**

**On another note, we have a new logo. The new logo gives us a fabulous opportunity to share the gospel message with others. Here is the “skinny” as they say, on our new logo.**



**The Bible is the foundation of our beliefs. According to Article V, in the Articles of Religion, it states that, “The Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation...” The Bible is where we find the information needed to guide and support our personal and communal relationship with the LORD God Almighty. We rest upon it.**

**The cross is the cross of Jesus. May we look to Article XX and notice how the Church handles the cross, “The offering of Christ, once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone.” This one seems straight forward. Christ did what no one else could or dare do.**

**Then we come to the church, the people. As you may know, the people are the church, the body of Christ. We gather, firmly planted on the Word of God and centered on the cross of Jesus. We also see one supporting the other as the church does like in small groups. (You knew that was coming, right?) Article XIII tells us that, “The visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful (people) in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered...” Being an active participant in the life of the local church is vital to one’s personal walk with God, as well as the church body itself, the whole of the membership.**

**May I say to you friends, I pray we never be found lacking in seeking Jesus as a body of believers. May we always, even when life gets tough, come back to the gospel message and the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. May we keep moving forward, always forward, into the newness with God.**

**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.**

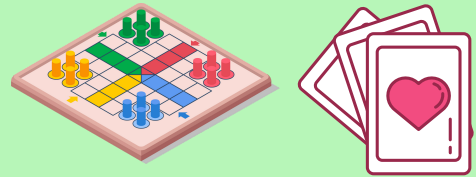
**Be a Blessing, Pastor Tom**

# March Happenings

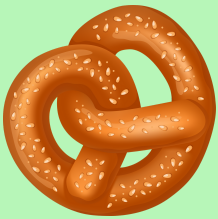
**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, March 9**  
**8:00 am**  
(in the Fellowship Hall)



**Game Day**  
**Saturday, March 9**  
**1:00 - 5:00 pm**  
(in the Fellowship Hall)



## Sharin' Women Pretzel Sale



**Order forms will be available in church**  
**on Sunday, March 3 and 10**  
**\$10 per dozen**

(if not in church, you may call Nancy Flint at 734-417-3460)

The women will be making the pretzels on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16. Indicate on the order form and include your cell number if you would like a text on Saturday when they are ready for pick up. Otherwise, they will be waiting for you in church on Sunday. Proceeds will be used to support future mission projects.



**Second Sunday Worship (March 10) in the Hall**  
**Coffee Hour and March Birthday Celebration**  
**Immediately Following**





# EASTER WALK

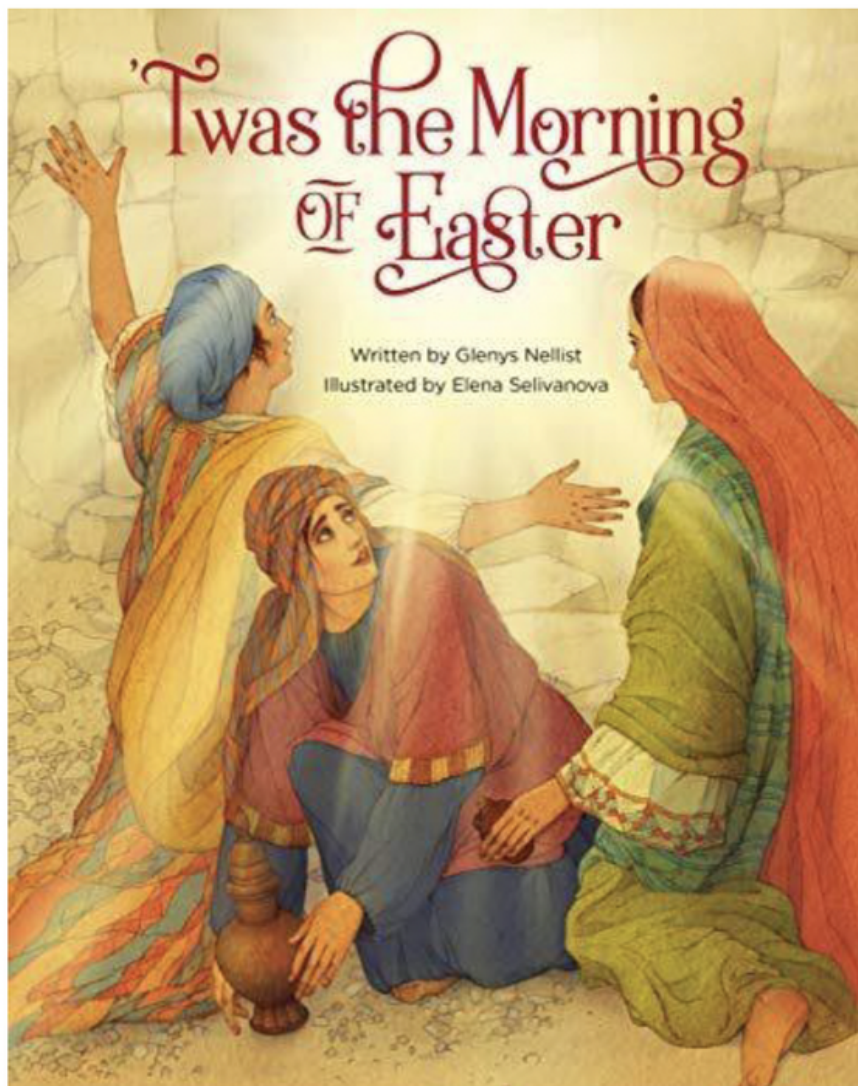
Saturday, March 30

11 am to 1 pm

This will be the third year that Sharon Church will be telling the Easter morning story at Carr Park in Manchester before and after the Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt. The book below will be used to tell the story to children and families by Sharon Church volunteers dressed in costume.

**Volunteers are needed!**

Please contact Darlene Schaffer at [schaffer@2020comm.net](mailto:schaffer@2020comm.net) or see Darlene in church these next couple Sundays.





# Holy Week Services



**Sunday, March 24**  
**Worship in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Palm Sunday Brunch**  
**Immediately Following Worship**



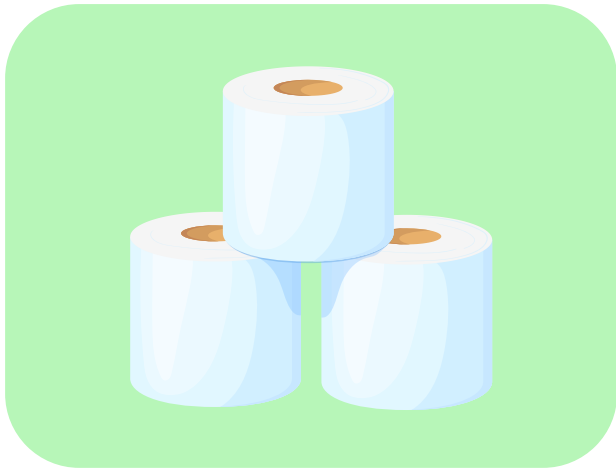
**Thursday, March 28**  
**Service at Sharon Church**  
**7:00 pm**



**Friday, March 29**  
**Noon - Service at Sharon Church**  
**7:00 pm - Service at Bethel UCC**

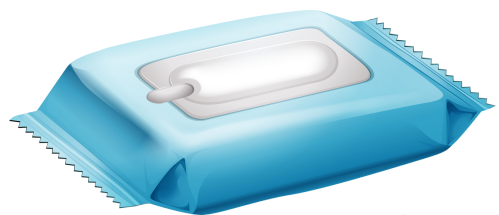


**Sunday, March 31**  
**Worship at Sharon Church**  
**10:30 am**  
**Sundays at 9:00 and 2:30**



## SERVING LOCALLY

The Manchester CRC is asking for our support to gather paper products and sanitizing wipes. Throughout the lenten season, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper and sanitizing wipes (like Chlorox wipes) may be deposited in a bin in the entryway of the Hall or left in the church basement.



## Readings for March 2024

March 1	Deuteronomy 8-10
March 2	Deuteronomy 11-13
March 3	Deuteronomy 14-16
March 4	Deuteronomy 17-20
March 5	Deuteronomy 21-23
March 6	Deuteronomy 24-27
March 7	Deuteronomy 28-29
March 8	Deuteronomy 30-31
March 9	Deuteronomy 32-34
March 10	Joshua 1-4
March 11	Joshua 5-8
March 12	Joshua 9-11
March 13	Joshua 12-15
March 14	Joshua 16-18
March 15	Joshua 19-21
March 16	Joshua 22-24
March 17	Judges 1-2
March 18	Judges 3-5
March 19	Judges 6-7
March 20	Judges 8-9
March 21	Judges 10-12
March 22	Judges 13-15
March 23	Judges 16-18
March 24	Judges 19-21
March 25	Ruth 1-4
March 26	1 Samuel 1-3
March 27	1 Samuel 4-8
March 28	1 Samuel 9-12
March 29	1 Samuel 13-14
March 30	1 Samuel 15-17
March 31	1 Samuel 18-20



**The Book of the Month offered by Pastor Tom is Minding the Good Ground, by Jason Vickers. Vickers states that, when the church has needed to be redirected, “the Spirit raises up prophetic leaders and movements to call the church to be faithful,” therefore the church cannot be dead, at the end, or left in the dark. The author then wraps up this opening saying that this book will think about renewal, “from a theological perspective.” How refreshing to read a church book that will be processing the topic in such a way.**

**If you would like to borrow a copy of this book, let Pastor Tom know.**







## You're invited...

Would you like to go on a mission trip, attend a woman's retreat or a men's fishing/camping trip, or work on a Habitat for Humanity house? These activities are personally rewarding and faith-strengthening for all who participate. If any of these things are speaking to your heart, first pray and ask God if he is calling you to become part of it. If you feel encouraged, then contact the church office and we will bring together others to form a committee. Some ideas:

Mission trip to Red Bird Mission School in KY

Family/Women's/Men's Retreat trip to Camp Barakel in Fairview, MI

Woman's Retreat held at our church

Men's fishing/canoeing/camping retreat

Partner with Habitat for Humanity

Trip to see the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

You are also invited to join in these activities that are already in place:

Sundays @ 9 Adult Bible Study-just show up

Sundays @ 2:30 Adult Bible Study-just show up

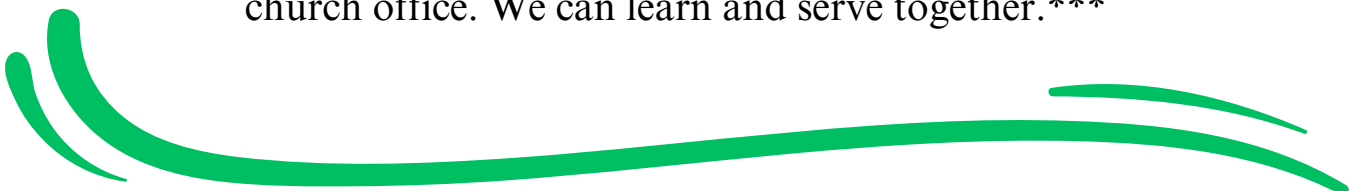
Class Meetings (1-hour conversation about where we see God at work in our lives) Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Nancy Flint's house or Thursdays at 7 PM in the conference room-just show up.

Emmaus Walk (a weekend event that submerges you in God's love) Next Men's program: 2nd weekend in April. Women's program: 3rd weekend in April. Talk to Gordon McCalla or Pastor Tom about attending.

Catechism Study: A study of the principles of Christianity at the Schaffer's home Wednesdays 6-7 PM. You can jump in any time.

Immerse Bible Read. Read through the Bible like a novel and discuss it similarly to a book club. Group meets at Nancy Flint's house on Mondays at 11 AM and is currently reading through Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel & Kings 1 & 2. Jump in any time.

\*\*\*Do you have another idea for faith development or service? Contact the church office. We can learn and serve together.\*\*\*



## An invitation to travel the Way of the Cross

The people of St. Mary, Manchester, invite you to join them on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 pm at their parish church (210 W. Main Street, across from the Gazebo) for the ancient tradition of praying “The Way of the Cross.” In this prayer, one considers each of 14 “stations,” or points along the way, during Jesus’ journey from the judgment of Pilate to His death and entombment. This is a whole-family occasion, especially fitting to meditate upon as we draw closer to the historic events leading to Jesus’ crucifixion and glorious Resurrection. You are warmly invited to join in prayer. Prayer booklets will be provided.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**March**

4 Carol Huehl  
13 Edna Keezer  
13 Sharon Stockard  
15 Nancy Feldkamp  
15 Nick Huehl  
23 Kathleey Graddy




*Happy  
Anniversary*

**March 27**

**Bill and Deb Bennett**





## February

### Attendance

### Offering

February 4	52	\$1,349.50
February 11	58	\$1,787.00
February 18	55	\$1,454.75
February 25	47	\$4,895.93

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Today <span>March 2024</span> <span>Print</span> <span>Week</span> <span>Month</span> <span>Agenda</span>						
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Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York



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Partner with God  
Serve the Community Together**

