

The Evangelical Messenger

January, 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.

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!

While pondering how to begin these opening words to the New Year, I began to think about many of the award shows and how the recipient would have a list of people to give thanks to. I realized that listing each name would send me over my 2-minute time frame, so may I say thank you to all of you. Your warm embrace of Dawn, Leslie, John, and myself has been a wonderful blessing. We look forward to what this new year will bring, as we grow in God’s grace together.

Now then, I do have three things to share about briefly. First is a thank you from Pete and Jan Harris. They are grateful for your warm hospitality during the Advent season, as they joined in worship. It was a pleasure to have them join the choir and for Jan to share a few songs.

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Secondly, the start of a new year brings new opportunities and one question. Have you read the Bible from cover to cover? If not, let this be the year that, as a community, we engage with Living Word. I will offer a reading plan to guide daily reading each day and at the end of the year, we will have read through the Bible. We will offer the monthly reading in the newsletter and post them on Facebook. We will also post a PDF for the yearly reading on the *Pastor's Page* of the website.

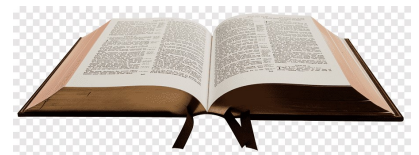
Thirdly is the topic of disaffiliation. This is a difficult topic and conversation, but one that needs to be done. Therefore, I will be working on scheduling some small group opportunities to gather and learn more about what is going on. The plan is to offer these gatherings for groups of 10-12 so that each voice may be heard and to better share the information. I will also offer some information on the *Pastor's Page* of the website.

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

Friends, here is the Bible reading list for January 2023. The goal is to read 33 books in January and the other 33 books over the rest of the year. May the LORD bless you as you learn more about His love for you by engaging with His Holy Word.

1/ 1	Ruth	1/ 12	Nahum	1/ 23	1 Timothy
1/ 2	Esther	1/ 13	Habakkuk	1/24	2 Timothy
1/ 3	Ecclesiastes	1/ 14	Zephaniah	1/ 25	Titus
1/ 4	Song of Sol	1/ 15	Haggai	1/ 26	Philemon
1/ 5	Lamentations	1/ 16	Malachi	1/ 27	James
1/ 6	Hosea	1/ 17	Galatians	1/ 28	1 Peter
1/ 7	Joel	1/ 18	Ephesians	1/ 29	2 Peter
1/ 8	Amos	1/ 19	Philippians	1/ 30	1 John
1/ 9	Obadiah	1/ 20	Colossians	1/ 31	2 John
1/ 10	Jonah	1/ 21	1 Thessalonians		3 John



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



**Saturday, January 14 - 8:00 am
Sharon UM Church Fellowship Hall**

**ROLL ON OVER AND STRIKE
UP SOME FUN!**

PIZZA AND PINS

January 3rd - 4-6 pm
Chelsea Lanes
1180 S. Main St, Chelsea

Shoes and 2 hours of bowling
For \$8/person

Add pizza and pop for a
Total of \$15/person



Notice: There will be no chime practice on Mondays January 2 and January 9.
We will return to our Monday evening practices on January 16 at 7:30 pm

Thank You

If you were not one of the 52 people present at the Family Christmas Dinner on December 18th, we missed you!

Our German Dinner complete with kniffles (thank you to the cooks, Nancy Flint and Carol Huehl) and sauerkraut was delicious when accompanied by the array of potluck side dishes and desserts.

It was an unexpected treat to enjoy dinner music played on the piano by Michelle Schrewsbury. Michelle also led us in several Christmas carols and accompanied the choir and men's quartet. With the help from a few players, we all enjoyed a new video movie featuring Carol Huehl, David and Penny Little and Amelia Huehl. Our own little angel, Gracyn Hehr passed out sugar cookies to all in attendance as the evening ended.

A special thank you to Stephanie Little and Darlene Schaffer for teaching the children how to play the hand bells. It was terrific! Another special thank you to Richard Schaffer for editing the featured video that was captured by Thomas Huehl. A big thank you to Susan Huehl for planning and coordinating the entire evening and also to her and her helpers in preparing the meat and sauerkraut.

It sure was a fun evening!



January

- 5 Kaden McDonald
- 10 Linda Milkey
- 12 Donna Clark
- 14 Angie Flint
- 16 Marilyn Schulze
- 16 Ron Mahan
- 18 Kate Huffman
- 28 Ron Milkey

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



January

Gordon and Michelle McCalla

**Sunday Morning
Worship Attendance**

December 4	65
December 11	53
December 18	53
December 24—4pm	18
December 24—7pm	45
December 24—11pm	21
December 25	38

Sharin' Women

Monday, January 9

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to come and join our group. This month, we will be doing some planning for activities for the next few months.



December Giving

(December 4—December 4)

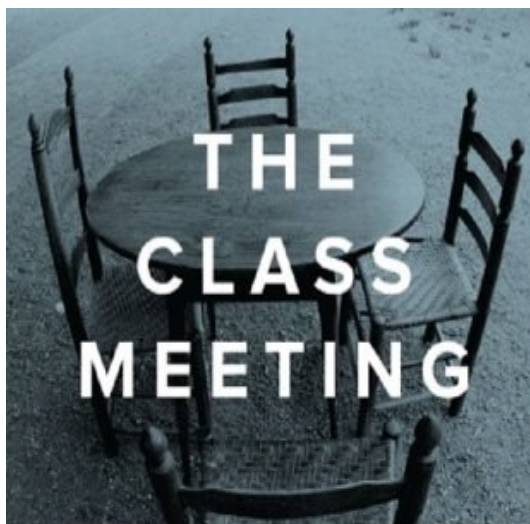
General Fund	6,765.55
Christmas	4,564.00
Thanksgiving	500.00
Missions	446.00
Cemetery	3,100.00
Book Purchase	14.00
Well Fund	62.80
Craft Show	140.00
Hall Use	250.00
Children's Home	289.00

(offering received at Family Christmas Program)

Total \$16,131.35
(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



**THE
CLASS
MEETING**

Reclaiming a Forgotten
(and Essential)
Small Group Experience

KEVIN M. WATSON

INCLUDES AN EIGHT-WEEK CLASS MEETING CURRICULUM

**New Study
Led by Pastor Tom**

**Beginning
January 1st**

Sundays

**at
9:00**

**and
2:30**

Center Shot

Free Shoot

For those who have previously participated in the program

Friday, January 6
and

Saturday, January 7
9:00 am—12:30 pm (both days)

Sharon UMC Fellowship Hall

(this is only for previous participants)

Christmas in the Village Parade



Our parade walkers and the Huehl Acres tractor

GAME DAY



January 14
1pm to 5 pm

Refreshments
Board Games @ More
(in the Fellowship Hall)

Open to the Community
Come and Invite your Friends

Congratulations to

Richard Schaffer and Gordon McCalla
On completing the Lay Leadership Course

