

SHARON CHURCH
A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2024

THE CORNER CHURCH BEACON



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Come • Follow • Partner • Serve

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 am

Greetings Church,

We have entered into another year. This one brings with it more than just resolutions about giving up this or trying to start that. For we the people of Sharon Church, as the calendar turns over, we will officially become professing members of the Global Methodist Church on January 1, 2024. This newness that we enter into has a clear mission and vision. The mission is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly,” and the vision, or way that happens, is to call ourselves and others to Come and Follow Jesus as we Partner with God and Serve the community together.

Does this mean the future will be smooth. No, and I would draw our attention to the words of Jesus in John 16.33 as he prepares his disciples for his death and resurrection. Jesus shares that difficult, troublesome times will come. The Greek word that is used here means pressure, to be afflicted. But why? May I say to you friend, what good thing comes from no pressure?

I recently watched a video about sheep and captured in the video is a sheep leaving the herd. At one point the sheep actually turns to look at the herd and then keeps going away from them. But wouldn't you know, the shepherd not long after goes on the search for the wayward sheep, offering redemption. As the video continues, you witness the sheep deciding to follow the shepherd. It is beautiful. It is what Jesus came to do, call his sheep to redemption, in the midst of the pressure.

The question for us is this: as we enter into the newness, will we sit back and coast? Will we sit back and be bitter? Will we sit back and disengage? Or will we seek the power of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim the good news that Jesus offers redemption to those that will listen to his voice? Will we be intentional about our evangelism as we enter this new year? Yes, I used two words that may be difficult to hear, and I will speak more to those soon. But for now, hear this... as we enter this new year, on January 21, 2024, we will partake in a Wesley Covenant Service.

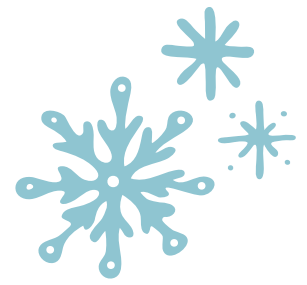
This will be a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up ourselves and renewing our covenant with God. This will be the day that we mark our new beginning and re-commit ourselves to God, serving Him in all we do. We will offer a New Member Class during the Lenten Season to bring in new members on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. If you know someone who is interested or may have more questions, have them contact either myself at waller.tom77@gmail.com or the church office at sharongmchurch@gmail.com.

Please note that the Church email has changed.

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

January Happenings



ROLL ON OVER AND STRIKE
UP SOME FUN!

PIZZA AND PINS

January 2nd • 4-6 PM
Chelsea Lanes
1180 S. Main St, Chelsea

Shoes and 2 hours of
bowling for \$10/person
Add pizza and pop for a
total of \$15/person!



CENTERSHOT

FREE

SHOOT!



For all **past** Centershot Archers

Thursday, **January 4, 2024** from **9:00 - 11:00**

Email: schaffer@2020comm.net
to let us know you are planning
to join the fun!

Sharon Church, M-52 & Pleasant Lake Rd



**Worship on January 7
will be in the
Fellowship Hall**

**Following Worship
we will be packing 300
lunches. Please plan to
stay and help with this
mission project!**

N.O.A.H

**Networking, Organizing,
and Advocating
for the Homeless**

The meals will be delivered
to downtown Detroit the
following morning.

Thank you to Andrea
Dowhal for organizing this
mission project.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Dave Lowery! Dave has served decades in managing the finances as church treasurer, financial secretary, and investment secretary rotating between the three positions. He has given countless hours of his time and expertise to these positions as well as serving as a trustee for many years.

Please take a moment to thank Dave!

Pastor Tom and his family thank you for the generous Christmas gift!

Thank you to Stephanie Little and Susan Huehl for planning and leading the program for the Family Christmas Gathering. It was fun to see the children sing and play bells and to have so many others share their talents. A wonderful time was had by all!

Also thank you to Susan Huehl and Andrea Dowhal for organizing the meal, preparing the main course, and all that goes into set up and clean up. And, thanks to all others who helped!

Thank you to everyone who filled a Christmas stocking, brought cleaning supplies or filled the wish list of a Manchester Family Service senior member!

December was Full of Activities



Christmas Parade



Family Christmas Program



Filled stockings for Manchester Family Service



Christmas Caroling



Church women attending Sidewalk Prophets concert



January 7th Worship and Coffee Hour

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall on January 7th. Following worship, we will have coffee hour and pack lunches for the N.O.A.H project.

If you would be willing to help with making coffee or by bringing an appetizer or cookies, please contact Susan Huehl, our Coffee Hour coordinator, at 734-216-6904 or the church office at 734-428-0996.

(Communion will be on January 14 with worship in the church.)

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.

Readings for January 2024

January 1	Genesis 1-3
January 2	Genesis 4-7
January 3	Genesis 8-11
January 4	Genesis 12-15
January 5	Genesis 16-18
January 6	Genesis 19-21
January 7	Genesis 22-24
January 8	Genesis 25-26
January 9	Genesis 27-29
January 10	Genesis 30-31
January 11	Genesis 32-34
January 12	Genesis 35-37
January 13	Genesis 38-40
January 14	Genesis 41-42
January 15	Genesis 43-45
January 16	Genesis 46-47
January 17	Genesis 48-50
January 18	Exodus 1-3
January 19	Exodus 4-6
January 20	Exodus 7-9
January 21	Exodus 10-12
January 22	Exodus 13-15
January 23	Exodus 16-18
January 24	Exodus 19-21
January 25	Exodus 22-24
January 26	Exodus 25-27
January 27	Exodus 28-29
January 28	Exodus 30-32
January 29	Exodus 33-35
January 30	Exodus 36-38
January 31	Exodus 39-40

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michelle McCalla who has completed her study and is now a UMC Licensed Local Pastor. Michelle is currently serving at the Springville UM Church.

Sharin' Women Meeting

Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm

The women's group will be meeting for their planning for 2024. They meet monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Hall.

Throughout the coming year, they will be having many activities that support missions, our church family, and the community.

Invitation

They would like to invite all women to come and be a part of this ministry. New people and new ideas are always welcome!



Men's Monthly Breakfast

Saturday Morning

January 13 at 8:00

All men are invited to the Hall for good food and fellowship.



Scrapbookers and any Crafters

This is your chance to have dedicated time to work on your projects! Tables are still available so call the church office at 734-428-0996 to reserve your spot!

\$30 for Friday (4pm to 10pm)

and Saturday (7am to 10pm)

\$25 for just Saturday

Pizza lunch Friday evening

Baked goods for Saturday morning

Sandwich lunch and dinner on your own

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



10 Linda Milkey
14 Angie Flint
16 Marilyn Schulze
18 Kate Huffman
28 Ron Milkey

**Happy
Anniversary**

January 6
Gordon and Michelle McCalla

As of January 1st
New Email and Website
sharongmchurch@gmail.com
sharongmchurch.org

*Thank You
for supporting the church
financially throughout 2023!*

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PASTOR TOM WALLER

Happy New Year!



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SUN 31	MON Jan 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4
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