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THE CORNER CHURCH BEACON



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Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 am

Greetings Church.

Have you ever had the opportunity to write for a periodical? Have you had the joy of finding a new thing to discuss in written communication, in an ongoing format? Is it something that you enjoyed doing? If so, I would like to have a conversation with you about a new opportunity. Only serious inquiries...

Friends, we have moved from breezy frigid winds of late Winter and into the gusty cool winds of early Spring. We have begun to witness the dawning of new life, with the budding of the trees and plants and weeds (everywhere), to the singing of the birds and bunnies hopping all around. This new life reminds me of the gift of new life offered to each person, and the empty tomb of Easter! It brings real joy to my heart. Is this you? Does this time of the year bring you hope for today and the day yet to be?

One way we can be reminded of the heart-filled joy that transpired on Easter Sunday, is by the account Luke captured in chapter 24 of his Gospel. Luke shares this beautiful account of two travelers on the way home after the death and bodily resurrection of Jesus. He shares how they have conversation with one about all that took place. Then, their new companion opens their hearts and minds to all that was written about the Messiah, beginning with Moses. It was after inviting this traveler into their home, that when he took bread, blessed and broke it, then gave it to them, they recognized that it was Jesus!

Friends, have you experienced the love of God like that? Have you had the opportunity to find yourself in a place where there are no outside distractions keeping you from experiencing the mercy of God? Are you waiting for Jesus to reveal his grace and mercy to you? Are you tired of wondering why others are growing in Christ, and feeling like you are stuck? Friends, then it is time to come to invite Jesus into the dark, nitty-gritty parts of your life that he seeks to be Savior and Lord over.

Allow the presence of God to wash you anew in the life-giving grace offered... wait for it, through the small group! Life Groups are a fabulous place for faith development and nurturing to begin. Having conversation about the difficult things and the good things, praying with one another, are ways to deepen one's faith. So, beginning May 6, 2024, at 8:30am, you could gather with me at Starbucks in Chelsea for Coffee and Conversation. This will be an opportunity to gather and discuss whatever topic you have. We could discuss the sermon from the day before, pray with one another, talk about the Lions, the latest new music you found intriguing, what it would look like to be a guest on my new podcast (still developing), you name it. You don't even have to like coffee, I will have a cup for you, lol!

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

May Happenings



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 18
8:00 am
Sharon Fellowship Hall

All are invited!
Men, Women, and Children



Game Day
Saturday, May 11
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Sharon Fellowship Hall

Game On!



Sharin' Women

In March we made pretzels -
45 dozen

In April we had an Interantional
Dinner focusing on German Cuisine

May - Come join the fun!

Meeting dates to be announced.

We will plant flowers in front of the
Sharon Hall and Maybe visit Mobility
Cart Worldwide in Saline

Coffee and Conversation
with Pastor Tom
Monday Mornings
8:30 AM

Starbucks in Chelsea

**This is a time to come and sit
down with Pastor Tom and others
for informal conversation.**



Worship

Sharon Fellowship Hall
on May 12
followed by a
Coffee Hour,
and
May Birthday
Celebrations!





The Bible speaks about mother's beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelations. The first mother was Eve n Genesis, and although not mentioned by name, it is likely Mary, the mother of Jesus who is referenced in Chapter 12 of Revelations.

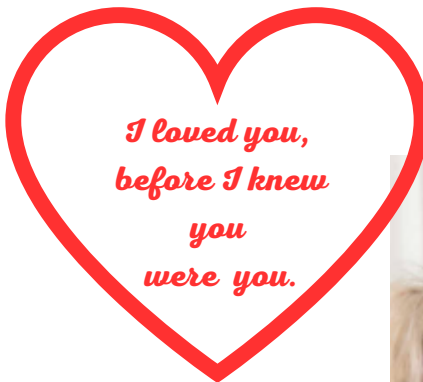
We are instructed early in our lives to respect and honor our parents. Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Make it your goal to spend more time with your mom, dad, grandmother, and grandfather. One day you are going to be saying, "I miss my mom and I wish she was still here." I know I miss mine.

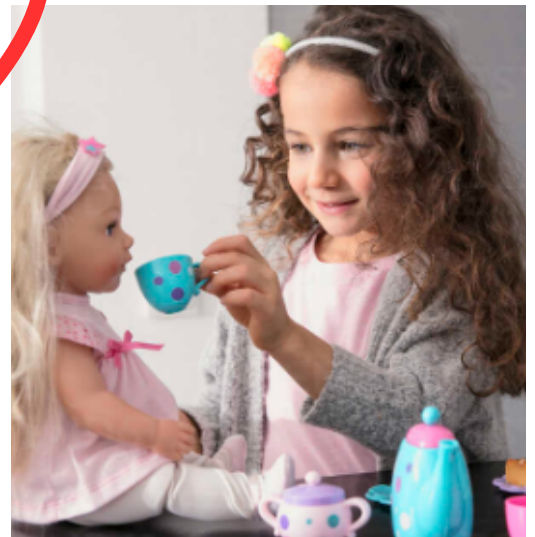


*We will celebrate
all mothers,
ages from
1 - 101 May 12th.*

Proverbs 3: 15 - 17 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.



Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."



Faith Building Activities (Ideas)

We are a church that seems to always have a way of bringing people together. Whether it be a faith-building opportunity or an opportunity to serve, new ideas are always welcome. And, it takes someone to lead the activity in order for it to happen. Might that be you?

Here are some ideas mentioned last month to get you started thinking.

- Mission trip to Red Bird Mission
- Family/Women's/Men's Retreat
- Woman's Retreat held at church
- Men's fishing/canoeing/camping retreat
- Partner with Habitat for Humanity
- Trip to see the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum



Save The Date



Wednesday, June 26 Sharon Church Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social will be here before we know it. A committee will be meeting towards the end of May to organize and work out the details.

This is always an enjoyable event for the community. However, it does take many of us working together to prepare the food, set up tables, work in the kitchen or help serve during the event and of course, clean up.

Sign-up sheets will be available around the first of June. Please consider where you might help to make the social a success.

Rowes Corners Cemetery Association

This past year, the cemetery upkeep necessitated more than the usual mowing. Wind damage to some of the older trees required some to be taken down and tree limbs to be hauled away. The cemetery is maintained by donations and selling of lots. If you would like to help with some of this extra cost, please make your check payable to Sharon Church and indicate cemetery fund in the memo line.



Readings for May 2024

May 1	1 Chronicles 6
May 2	1 Chronicles 7-8
May 3	1 Chronicles 9-11
May 4	1 Chronicles 12-14
May 5	1 Chronicles 15-17
May 6	1 Chronicles 18-21
May 7	1 Chronicles 22-24
May 8	1 Chronicles 25-27
May 9	1 Chronicles 28-29, 2 Chronicles 1
May 10	2 Chronicles 2-5
May 11	2 Chronicles 6-8
May 12	2 Chronicles 9-12
May 13	2 Chronicles 13-17
May 14	2 Chronicles 18-20
May 15	2 Chronicles 21-24
May 16	2 Chronicles 25-27
May 17	2 Chronicles 28-31
May 18	2 Chronicles 32-34
May 19	2 Chronicles 35-36
May 20	Ezra 1-3
May 21	Ezra 4-7
May 22	Ezra 8-10
May 23	Nehemiah 1-3
May 24	Nehemiah 4-6
May 25	Nehemiah 7
May 26	Nehemiah 8-9
May 27	Nehemiah 10-11
May 28	Nehemiah 12-13
May 29	Esther 1-5
May 30	Esther 6-10
May 31	Job 1-4



Book of the Month

The Book of the Month offered by Pastor Tom is *Soul Detox*, written by Craig Groeschel.

In his writing, Craig encourages the reader to recognize that everything we do counts. He states that, "If we don't monitor and adjust our diet accordingly, our souls are in danger of absorbing more and more lethal poison."

Friends, find this book encouraging to rebegin your relationship with the LORD, revived and refreshed.

If you would like to borrow a copy of this book, or any of the Book of the Moth choices, you can find them on the bookshelf in the Conference Room.





You are invited to make a difference

Psalm 100: 1-2

***Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
Aren't you glad that Psalm 100 says to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord", and not a good one?***

Choir

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM to learn new music to lift your voice in praise. Then sing with us on Sunday mornings and for other special events throughout the year. Our choir will sing through the 1st or 2nd week of June, stopping for the summer and then starting again in September.

For additional information contact:

Kathleen Graddy

1-360-589-3201



Hand Chime Choir

The Hand Chime Choir is composed of children and adult volunteers. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm, except for the 2nd Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. We play on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Sharon Church Hall and at other special events throughout the year. We are looking for a volunteer to be a substitute if someone is unable to play. It is helpful if you can read music but is not a requirement. As a substitute, you would need to attend practice once a month. It is our hope to enlarge the Hand Chime Choir in the future if we have enough volunteers.

For further information contact:

Susan Huel at 734-216-6904 or susanhuehl@gmail.com



CENTERSHOT ARCHERY PROGRAM AT SHARON UMC

Sharon Church invites you to take part in the Centershot Archery Program. All instructors are NASP trained Basic Archery Instructors. Each coach has up to 5 participants. Participants are introduced to the fastest growing sport in the United States. Archery is fun and safe.

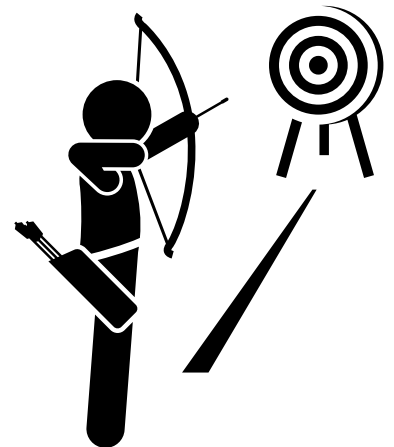
Centershot combines the life-skill of archery and the Gospel of Jesus. Participants learn the 11 steps to success in shooting a bow and arrow safely and accurately alongside the foundations for a life of faith. Each session includes introduction to a skill, archery range shooting practice, devotional time and snack. It takes place in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for registration information to come soon. Here is our schedule for 2024:

- July 15th-19th, 4:30-6pm: Adult and child Centershot (ages 7+) program
- August 12th-16th, 4:30-6pm: Children's Centershot (ages 7+)
- September 28th, 9-11am: Free shoot- for anyone who has previously participated in a Centershot event.

Anyone is interested in becoming a coach or volunteering with this ministry please contact Stephanie Little at shuehl@hotmail.com

or

Darlene Schaffer at schaffer@2020comm.net



Technical Helpers

Are you interested in being a back-up or learn more about operating the equipment used during the church service?

If so, please contact:

Dennis Huehl at Huehl.Acres@plantpioneer.com

OR

Richard Schaffer at richard@codeducky.net



Lesson	Title	Passage	Memory Verse	Basic Truth	Main Truth	God's Attribute	Gospel Connection
3	Water to Wine and Temple Cleansing	LE: John 2:1-11; UE: John 2	"What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11)	13: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?	Jesus rules with power and authority.	God is omnipotent.	Only Jesus can cleanse people's hearts and lives from sin.
4	Nicodemus Visits Jesus	John 3:1-21	"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)	14: Is Jesus the only Savior?	Jesus gives eternal life to people who believe in Him.	God is love.	God sent His Son, Jesus, to bring new life—salvation—to those who believe in Him.
5	Jesus's Witness in Samaria	John 4:1-30	"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)	1: What is the purpose of my life?	Only Jesus offers fully satisfying eternal life.	God is impartial.	Jesus seeks us and wants us to know Him.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church has begun the study of the gospel of John that will likely take us nearly a year to complete. The memory verse from our introduction lesson says it all. "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

Each month in The Corner Church Beacon, we will share our summary of the things the kids will be learning that month. We do not meet the first Sunday of the month, but do meet all the other Sundays, departing worship during the hymn that follows the reading of the Scripture and returning during the final hymn.

Here is our curriculum summary for May:



On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13 - 16

*13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[*a*] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.*

Do you know what an Emmaus Walk is? The Walk to Emmaus seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work and communities.

Pastor Tom Waller, Gordon McCalla, Herb Hewett, and Elizabeth Hewett attended the Southeast Michigan Emmaus Walk. The following are comments from Gordon, Herb and Elizabeth.

Gordon: "About the recent Emmaus Walk, I can sum it up like this; Emotional, so many hugs, and crying, spiritual, praising the Lord, fun, laughter, bad jokes, etc., singing to the Lord."

Herb: "My walk has been a very rewarding experience. I have learned so much about myself and what I need to do to grow in Christ. If you have never been on an Emmaus Walk, I highly recommend it."

In Luke 24: 13 – 16 we read the story of the two disciples walking to Emmaus. We see Jesus seeking them, approaching them, and how He opened their eyes to understanding the fulfillment of the scriptures through his death and resurrection. I honestly thought this event would be the main topic, (what little I knew). But what I saw, what I felt, what I experienced, what I witnessed, and what I can testify to is a community of Christian love, demonstrating the hands and feet of Jesus. In Matthew 25:36-40. 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

This is My Reflection on My Walk to Emmaus and the outpouring love of men, and women in the Christian Community. I am Elizabeth Hewett, Emmaus Walk 195 Southeast Michigan, Joyful Sisters in Christ.

I was anxious, unsure, and a bit apprehensive,

Yet you welcomed me.

I was asked to be silent.

And though I will never take a vow of silence, you gave me time to reflect, meditate and wonder why I was there.

I was hungry,

You fed me – perhaps, too well.

I was ill,

You comforted me by caring for me, checking on me, providing a warm blanket and the four Motrin I desperately needed.

I was lonely,

You gave me Candlelight Procession, showing support through friends, family, and community.

I was hurting and in pain,

You came and sat with me, asking no questions, willing to only be present.

I didn’t realize my foundation of faith needed building up,

You showed me what piety is, how to immerse myself into God’s word, how to put Christian love into action.

I saw obstacles,

You showed me how to tear them down.

I do not have sisters,

Now I have a community of sisters and one new brother.

I was challenged,

You taught me new concepts, felt a renewed call to action and am looking for a mission where I can use my gifts to serve a hurting world, or at least my little corner of it.

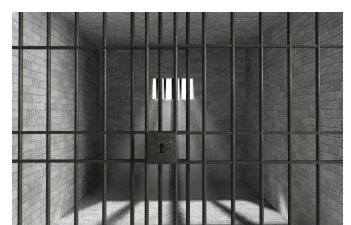
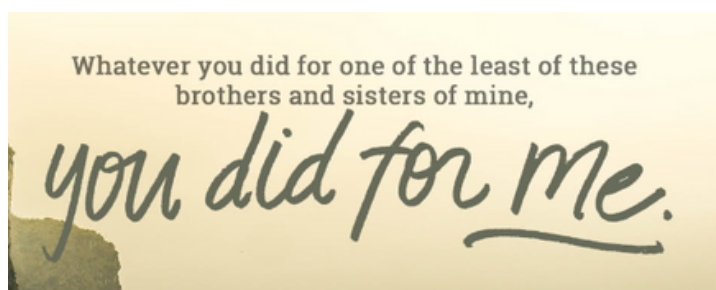
I love to sing,

You gave me new songs or praise and worship.

I needed prayer,

You told me people from around the world and close by, having been praying for me non-stop for 72 hours and other people had been praying even longer.

I have walked to Emmaus and will be returning home. The world hasn’t changed because I stepped out of it for 3 days. Instead, Emmaus has been a place for me to pause, step away, so that I can return home, renewed, and refreshed. I invite you to Walk to Emmaus and meet Jesus on your journey.





May

- 2 Amber Ross
- 2 Paula Pratt
- 5 Gordon McCalla
- 6 Sam Takalo
- 11 Bobby Pratt
- 21 Ami Armstrong
- 24 Alex Clark
- 27 Mel Stockard
- 28 Dawn Waller
- 28 Ken Peckham
- 28 Randy Pratt
- 29 Chase Flint

May

- 10 Mark & Marilyn Schulze
- 11 Bobby & Rose Pratt
- 29 Herb & Elizabeth Hewett



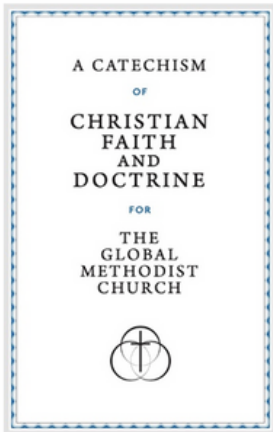
Memorial Day is the day on which we remember those who died in *active* military service. Traditionally it was observed on May 30, but is now officially observed on the last Monday in May. Formerly it was called Decoration Day.



Small Groups

You are invited to join in any and all these activities:

- Sundays: 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- Sundays: 2:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- Class Meetings (1-hour conversation about where we see God at work in our lives)
Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the church conference room or Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the conference room



Small Group Study: Basic Truths of the Christian Faith

Drop in any Wednesday evening 6:00 – 7:00 PM at David and Darlene Schaffer's home at 20936 Sager Road (1 mile east of the Chrysler Proving Grounds) for a discussion based on the Catechism of the Global Methodist Church. We generally have 6 people around our table. There is room for more! Each discussion stands alone, so come review the biblical foundations of our faith. Bring your Bible. All other materials are supplied. Got questions? Contact David schaffer3@2020comm.net OR 734-475-9468 or Darlene schaffer@2020comm.net or 734-730-4808

April

	Attendance	Offering
April 7	50	\$ 1,915.30
April 14	51	2,361.00
April 21	60	2,127.85
April 28	65	3,355.00

Total Offering

(not audited)

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PASTOR TOM WALLER



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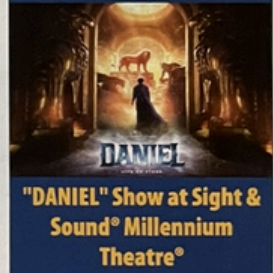
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Sing Alleluia to the Lord,
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia,
Sing Alleluia to the Lord.**