

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMER 2023

# *THE CORNER CHURCH BEACON*

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

**Worship  
10:30 am  
(2nd Sunday Worship  
will be in Fellowship Hall)**



## Hello Church!

Holiness. When hearing this word, what comes to mind? Do you think of preachers of a seemingly bygone era? Do you think of a movement that has within its relations Pentecostalism? Or do you think of a term used by John Wesley, that being sanctification? According to the Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms, holiness comes from the Greek word hagios, “set apart” and is defined as, “Christian spirituality, the devotion and purity of life associated with Christian discipleship, in which one lives according to God’s will and exhibits that commitment in all areas of behavior.”

Notice that definition does not leave open room for one’s own will to be lived by. Rather, as disciples, we are called to live according to God’s will, which Peter reminds the early church of in his letter to them. 1 Peter 1:13-16 states, “Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” Peter quotes the Torah here, to make a clear point about how one should live their new life in Christ, and that would be as one set apart from the society and culture one lives in.

Paul would share with the church in Rome, “In view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing and perfect will of God,” Romans 12:1-2. Paul, like Peter, is calling people to not live in the fallenness of sin but to live set apart from the destruction of sin and death. We are reminded as was the church in Corinth that “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come... He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God,” 2 Corinthians 5:7, 21.

Jesus had something to say about holy living as well. In Luke 9:23 Jesus states, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.” This call to follow is not an easy one, and yet, Jesus makes it clear that a life of obedience to God is not for selfish gain or devotion to the world we live in, rather we live our life of holiness to bring glory, honor and praise to God. We live a life of holiness to share the goodness, grace and mercy of God with others. We dedicate our lives to the workings of the kingdom of God, not the kingdom of man. We live set apart to be beacons of light to give direction to the lost, that they too may find redemption and salvation, that comes only from the Lord.

Friends, as we strive to live in holiness, as called by God, may we do so together. May we pray and encourage one another on our daily journeys with the Lord, that we may grow and grace and mercy. 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

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL



## SHARON CHURCH

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
**WED. JUNE 28TH, 4:30 - 7:00.**

THERE WILL BE INDOOR SEATING AND TAKE OUT  
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE..

COME AND ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS SANDWICHES:  
HOT HAM AND CHEESE ON A PRETZEL BUN,

SHREDDED CHICKEN SANDWICH,  
SLOPPY JOES

DEARBORN BRAND ALL BEEF HOTDOGS!

WE WILL ALSO BE SERVING POTATO SALAD,  
COLE SLAW, AND BAKED BEANS.

OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ICE  
CREAM AND CAKE FOR YOU TO ENJOY!

LET US DO THE COOKING FOR YOU!

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE!



# TRANSITIONS

As we say farewell to Sharon Stockard as our Church Secretary, we wish her only the best in her new endeavors! She has always loved to bake and has taken a job doing just that. She is very excited about it!

Thank You, Sharon,  
for your years of working in the office!

We have hired SUMC member Richard Schaffer to fill the 14-hour-per-week position. We are excited to have Richard fill the position with his strong knowledge of office applications and previous experience working in customer service. His problem-solving skills will be an asset to his position. We felt that it was time to update the job description and job title. Richard's position will be referred to as Office Manager. Please welcome Richard.

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Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays

### **Vacation**

Pastor Tom will be on Vacation July 2nd, Communion will be celebrated on July 9th when we are in the Fellowship Hall for worship. Please plan on joining us for coffee hour following the service. Afterwards anyone of any age is invited to stay and help with the N.O.A.H. Project (packing lunches for 300 homeless individuals in Detroit).

### **Communion Stewards**

We are currently looking for 2 or 3 women to volunteer to act as our Communion Stewards. This position is responsible for assuring that the elements (bread and juice) are prepared as requested by Pastor Tom each month. It also included laundering the white linens used as the elements are served to the congregation, along with clean-up after church. Sharon Stockard has been acting as Communion Steward and will do so for another month. Please see Pastor Tom if you are interested.

### **Coffee Hour**

Susan Huehl has offered to be our Coffee Hour Coordinator. She will have a sign-up sheet posted for coffee hour during the 3 & 4 th sundays of the month. If no one volunteers she will call on members to donate baked goods, fruit, cheese, dips, crackers, chips for the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to donate items call Sue at 734-216-6904 or the church office 734-428-0996.

### **Breakfast with Pastor Tom**

At Linda's Diner  
8:00 am Saturday morning  
July 8th and August 12th

### **Sundays at 9:00 and 2:30**

Will continue throughout the summer.  
Currently both groups are studying the book of Mark.  
You are invited to join either group.

### **Save Your Scrap Metal**

Collection will be Saturdays,  
September 9th and 16th

Watch for more details in the weekly email from the church office.

### **NOAH Project Detroit**

**N**etworking, **O**rganizing and **A**dvocating  
for the **H**omeless

We will be preparing meals for the homeless.

July 8 – Kids and parents will prepare bags.  
Sunday, July 9, following worship, part of the congregation will stuff bags and part will make sandwiches.

Andrea Dowhal has been leading this project and will be delivering the meals.

### **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."





(June, July August)

### **June**

10th Steve and Lois Milkey  
20th Dave and Mary Lowery  
20th Jason and Kira Flint  
25th Mike and Edna Keezer  
28th Patrick and Lynette Clark

### **August**

7th Jack and Evie Smith  
9th Eric and Nicole Kalmbach  
13th Rob and Shelly Hehr  
13th Gary and Gigi Voegeding

## ***Belated Birthday Wishes***

### **June**

4th Eli Schmidt  
6th Rebecca Clark  
9th Korry Silverman  
18th Leslie Waller  
19th Madelyn Hehr  
21st Darlene Schaffer  
22nd Carolyn Luciani

## ***Happy Birthday***

### **June**

25th Gale Steinaway  
26th Sarah Evilsizer

### **July**

1st Jaxon McGuigan  
14th Dawn Freysinger  
14th Robert Huehl  
16th Donnie Tye  
17th Evie Smith  
17th Katy Uphaus  
29th Reno Feldkamp

### **August**

5th Gracyn Hehr  
8th Lucas Huehl  
9th Denny Huehl  
11th Lauren Gagneau  
12th Susan Huehl  
13th Jim Wilson  
15th Anne Wright  
15th Eric Flint  
19th Linda Alder  
21st Meg MdDonald  
27th Bill Bennett  
28th Shannon McGuigan  
31st John Waller

# Putt Putt Outing

July 23rd, 2:00

Stone Mountain Miniature Putt

1102 West Russell Road

Tecumseh

\$6.50 for 18 and ice cream or slush!

RSVP by July 16th  
to Stephanie Little  
Clipboard will be passed





# **LAKE DAY!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

WAMPLERS LAKE, HAYES STATE  
PARK PAVILION  
1220 WAMPLERS LAKE ROAD,  
ONSTED, MICHIGAN, 49265

POTLUCK AT THE LAKE FOLLOWING  
REGULAR SERVICE AT THE CHURCH. HOT  
DOGS AND FIXINGS PROVIDED.

BRING A DISH OR SNACK TO SHARE,  
DRINKS, GAMES, SWIM SUITS, ETC. AND  
ENJOY!



# **RUMMAGE SALE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 28TH**

**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**SATURDAY, JULY 29TH**

**8:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Donations can be dropped off Mon-Wed (July 24-26)  
Thursday will be for sorting and organizing.

Susan Huehl and Andrea Dowhal  
are leading this project.

They will be looking for volunteers to help with  
preparing for the sale, working at the sale,  
and packing up after the sale.  
They will have sign-up sheets closer to the date.

Proceeds of the sale will be used for packing beans and rice  
for I92 of Lenawee County.

# *Attendance and Giving*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>June</b>				
18-Jun	61	\$2,955.00	\$562.90	\$3,517.90
11-Jun	62	1,070.00	300.00	1,370.00
4-Jun	48	1,601.16	50.00	1,651.16
<b>May</b>				
28-May	42	1,145.26	150.00	1,295.26
21-May	48	925.00	0.00	925.00
14-May	56	587.00	340.00	927.00
7-May	62	635.00	0.00	635.00
<b>April</b>				
30-Apr	44	6,778.81	410.00	7,188.81
23-Apr	42	845.01	1,470.00	2,315.01
16-Apr	56	1,415.00	0.00	1,415.00
9-Apr	72	4,609.00	12.00	4,621.00
2-Apr	68	1,410.55	386.58	1,797.13

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**PASTOR TOM WALLER**