



November 26, 2023

Opening Worship Song.....*"Great Things"*
Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*
Prelude.....*"Sing to the King"*.....*Linda Morey*
Old Testament Reading (2 Chronicles 8:12-16).....*Angela Anderson*
Praise & Worship.....*"Sing to the King"*
"Revelation Song"
Reception of New Member
Prayer
Kids' Talk.....*Angela Sutter*
Hymn #73.....*"O Worship the King"*
Doxology
Offering/Blessing of Gifts
New Testament Reading (Luke 1:11-22)
Message.....*Pastor Tim*
The Four Parents: Zechariah
Responding to God's Love.....*"Let the Worshippers Arise"*
Benediction/Blessing
Exit Song.....*"Mighty to Save"*

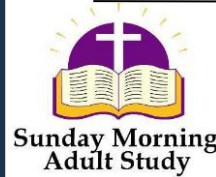
ATTENDANCE PADS

Please sign the pad and pass it along!

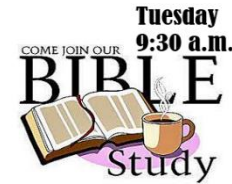


Sharing What We Have
Because God cares for us; we care for others.
1 Kings 17:1-16

All Are Welcome



Adult Sunday
School meets at
9:00 a.m. Sunday
mornings with
Denny Scalise in the
old kitchen.



**Tuesday
9:30 a.m.**
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Tuesday morning
Bible Study with Elna
Morton meets in
the multi-purpose
room.



Today, we will be receiving **Janet Owens** into the SHUMC family!

Christmas Program



THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

Practices will be for 1½ hrs. after worship. Remember to bring a bag lunch. A beverage will be provided. Pick up the kids at the outside door on the lower level on the west end of the building.



SATB Christmas Choir Practice

The SATB Christmas Choir will be practicing **TODAY** after the worship service. Please join us!



A Time to Heal

7:00 p.m. – Monday, Dec. 4

Our Lady of Mercy, 837 Bartlett Rd.

Are you or someone you know struggling with physical or spiritual issues? The Healing Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy will be offering "A Time to Heal" on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. The evening will include prayer, music, laying of hands and quiet reflection and is open to everyone.



Scan the QR Code or see LeAnne Morton to register.



Those who like to knit or crochet are welcome on Saturday, December 2 from 1-3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room to make scarves, hats, blankets, etc. If you don't know how and would like to learn, come as we'd love to teach you.

Cookie Sunday



Cookie Exchange

We usually have Donut Sunday the 2nd Sunday of the month but on Sunday, December 10 we will have COOKIE SUNDAY. If you are able to bake a dozen or two of Christmas cookies or your favorite cookie for all to enjoy on Sunday, Dec. 10 it would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to bring them in that morning and leave them in the kitchen.

The WOW Women's group will have a cookie exchange on Sat., Dec. 16 in the multipurpose room at 9:30 a.m., so sign up and bring a dozen of your favorite "homemade" cookies. These cookies will not be for sale but swapped for others you'd like to try.

Nativity Walk

You are invited to bring your Nativity set to church for a **Nativity Walk**! We will set up the nativities in the narthex for viewing on Thursday, December 7 from 5:30-8:00 pm or on Sat., Dec. 9 from 10 am-noon. In the narthex, you'll find index cards to write your name and a brief story or description of your Nativity so it can be placed with your Nativity set. Each Nativity is so unique! We look forward to viewing yours! You can take them home later on December 10.

The Caring Tree has ornaments with children and adult names on them who are clients of the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Most of these people don't have much and this could be the only gift they receive all year.

If you are able, please take a tag from the Caring Tree and return the gift with the name tag attached by Sunday, December 3. *Thank You*

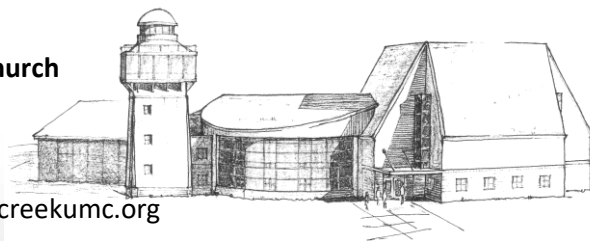
Hanging of the Greens is traditional. It readies the church, congregation and visitors for the Advent and Christmas season.

The decorations that we put up inside the church are meant to give glory to God and make the celebration of Jesus' birth a special occasion. The First Sunday in Advent is Sunday, Dec. 3.

We want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate the church on Saturday, Nov. 25 led by Kim Peters and Mary & Ken Kobylinski. The church looks stunning!

South Harborcreek United Methodist Church

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Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered special here at South Harborcreek Church and we are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will be a meaningful time of worship for you.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE

WORLD by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

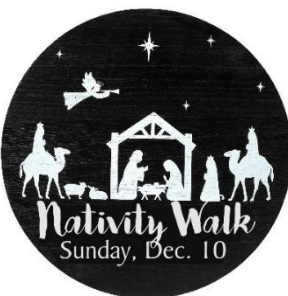
PROCLAIM the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

LEAD persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

NURTURE persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

SEND persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

CONTINUE the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include **Janet** now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Janet with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

RECEPTION INTO THE METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend **Janet** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Reception of New Members

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

I present **Janet Owens** by Profession of Faith.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? **I will.**

TO THE CONGREGATION:

Will you nurture **Janet** in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.