



Vine and Branches, Kimiyoshi, Endo, Japan (from Gifts of Many Cultures by Tirabassi and Eddy)

Easter 5B **Abide In Me**

John 15:1-8

April 29, 2018

Sharon Mennonite Church

***“Our mission is to know, to worship, to serve,
and to share Jesus Christ”***

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9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship Hour

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Welcome Center: Gwen Troyer
Greeters: John and Betty Rohrer
Nursery: Becky Headings & Gwen Troyer

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude		Brian Lichtle
Welcome and Announcements		Patty Burdette
Call to Worship		Patty Burdette
Bible Memory Verse		1 John 4:11
	<i>'Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.'</i>	
Worship in Song	<i>"Shine Jesus Shine"</i>	Praise Band
	<i>"Soul On Fire"</i>	

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory (General)	<i>"More Love More Power"</i>	Praise Band
	<i>"Shout to the Lord"</i>	

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture		John 15:1-8
Message	Painful, but redemptive pruning	Pastor Rob Burdette
Response	<i>LS 175 "Near the Cross"</i>	Praise Band

SENDING FORTH

Sharing & Congregational Prayer		Pastor Rob Burdette
Benediction	<i>"Everywhere I Go"</i>	Praise Band

TODAY

April 29, 12:00 p.m.

Immigration Discussion
and Luncheon

April 29, 1:30 p.m.

Edgewater Service

April 29, 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study at Daryl and Cami's

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Memory Verse for May 6:

John 15:16

'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.'

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7, 8:00 p.m.

Work Camp Meeting

May 8, 7:00 p.m.

Missions Committee Meeting

May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night

May 10, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

May 10, 6:00 p.m.

Spiritual Leadership Team Meeting

May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Music Committee Meeting

May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Coffee House

(Fuel Fundraiser)

May 13

Mother's Day

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's message will be delivered by Pastor Rob Burdette. The offering will be for the General Fund.

Greeters: Mark and Janice Bailey

Nursery: Brian and Maria Lichtle

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance: 97

Last Sunday's Service Attendance: 131

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 3,409.00 (General)



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6

May 6, 6:00 p.m.

May 11, 6:00 p.m.

May 20, 6:00 p.m.

Work Camp Registration Due
Ignite
Coffee House Fuel Fundraiser
Ignite

NOTICES

Transitional Listening Team: I would like to announce the formation of the Transitional Listening Team that will help me to discern God's leading which includes your concerns, hopes, and dreams regarding the future of Sharon Mennonite Church. Team members include: Judy Yoder, Wanda Raber, Rick Griest, Johnathon Beachy, and Raina Theiss (a representative of the Spiritual Leadership Team). Take some time to talk with these folks as our journey continues. Thanks, Rob.

From your pastors: Generally speaking, Jared and I follow the common lectionary readings for our sermon presentations. Each week there are four readings, one from the Old Testament, a psalm, one from the Gospels and then a reading from the Epistles. If you would like to preview the sermon texts and reflect on the theme of each week, please follow the link from Mennonite Church Canada and the Canadian Mennonite University to this week's readings. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks, Rob.
[https://www.commonword.ca/ Content/revise](https://www.commonword.ca/Content/revise).

A printed copy of the lectionary readings for June through August 2018 is available beneath the mailboxes for those without internet access.

Family Church Meeting – The next Family Church Meeting will be held on May 20th following the service.

Pastor Jared Chase – Pastor Jared will be in Kansas City May 3rd through May 6th for the MCUSA Youth Ministry Gathering.

Baptism Class – If you are interested in taking a Baptism Class, please inform Pastor Jared.

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Note from the Missions Committee – The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who has approached us over the past few weeks regarding our decision to focus our April 29th sermon topic on a biblical look at immigration. We as a Committee are in the process of discerning how this topic will be presented as well as ways for us to engage this topic as a congregation. If you have questions, please see Megan Colwell (614) 562-9408. Follow this link for more information regarding immigration: <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/radical-hospitality-core-curriculum/>. Thank you.

Missions Month – Donations for Blessing Bags are due today. A box can be found in the lobby for donations. An assembly date for the bags will be announced soon. Thank you all for your donations and commitment to helping those in need in our community. Thank you – The Missions Committee.

Work Camp Registration Deadline – The deadline to register for Work Camp is May 6. Work Camp will run from June 10-15.

DNA Summer Lunch Program - The DNA Summer Lunch Program is an outreach to kids who are impacted by poverty. You can play a part in this important program by volunteering. The program runs June 18th- July 13th from 10:30-1:00 M-F. There are many ways to serve. High school aged students can gain leadership skills by serving in the Internship Program. Churches can sign up to serve meals for one week of the program. Adults can volunteer as available. To learn more about this program, or to volunteer visit the DNA website at www.dnaplaincity.org.

Church Auction Donation Forms – Donation forms for items for the Church Auction have been placed in mailboxes. Additional copies can be found at the Welcome Center. Please return completed forms to Pastor Jared Chase.

Rejoice! – The summer edition of *Rejoice!* (Daily Devotional Readings for March, April, and May) is now available underneath the mailboxes.

Hope for the Future 2018 participants have released an open letter to Mennonite Church USA. “We realize the challenges that lie ahead,” the letter reads. “And so in the spirit of love, we offer these words of challenge and hope for the future.” You can read the letter at http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018_3_Hope-for-the-Future-Letter-to-MC-USA_Final.pdf

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MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky. The assignments run from May 30 to approximately August 11. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at swap.mcc.org or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

- **Job Site Coordinators** – Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both home owners and volunteers, youth and adults.
- **Meals Coordinators** – Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults.

Healthcare Workers, Students, and Retirees – You are invited to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering 2018, which will take place June 22-24, 2018, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. Come join doctors, nurses, dieticians, therapists, chaplains, mental health workers, students, educators, and other healthcare workers and families for a weekend of worship, inspiration, learning, networking, and fellowship. The theme this year is “Stories of Healing.” For more information and registration, visit www.mennohealth.org/gathering, call 1-888-406-3643, or email info@mennohealth.org.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions – Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. The application deadline for the 2018-19 academic year is May 15, 2018. For details and an application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Job Opening at The Institute of Mennonite Studies – The Institute of Mennonite Studies (IMS) at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is accepting applications for its managing editor position. The managing editor provides day-to-day management of the planning, production, promotion, and distribution of IMS print and digital publications. For a full job description, please visit www.ambs.edu/jobs.