



The Beginning of the Birthpangs
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

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

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9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship Hour

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614-530-8329

Mark Bailey,
Elder

614-813-3048

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740-972-2564

Dennis Graber,
Elder

614-316-6133

Welcome Center: Missy Snyder
Greeters: Derrick and Becky Yoder
Nursery: Nikki Shoemaker and Volunteer

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude		David Hull
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		Sarah Chase
Bible Memory Verse		Hebrews 10:16
	<i>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”</i>	
Worship in Song	<i>WB 50 “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”</i>	Dennis Graber and Pat Anderson
	<i>WB 79 “Lord, With Devotion We Pray”</i>	

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory (Missions)	<i>“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”</i>	Dennis Graber
Special Music	<i>“Tis the Gift to be Simple”</i>	Mixed Choir
	<i>“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”</i>	
Children’s Corner		Patty Burdette

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Message		Mark 13:1-8
	Time’s up!	Pastor Rob Burdette
Response	<i>MH 73 “Be Still, My Soul”</i>	Dennis Graber

SENDING FORTH

Sharing & Congregational Prayer		Pastor Rob Burdette
Benediction	<i>MH 646 “Grace To You and Peace”</i>	Dennis Graber

TODAY

6:00 p.m.

Ignite

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Memory Verse for November 25

1 Thessalonians 5:18

'... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'

Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Spiritual Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday-Friday

Office Administrator – Out of Office

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 25-December 2

Pastor Jared on Vacation

November 27, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Planning Meeting

November 28, 6:00 p.m.

Christian Education Meeting

November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

November 29, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night – Bible Study

December 6, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Music Committee Meeting

December 9, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night – Bible Study

December 13, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

December 13, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Planning Meeting

December 15, 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Delivery

December 16, 9:00 a.m.

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

December 19, 6:00 p.m.

Family Church Night – Carry-In/Bible Study

December 20, 9:00 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

December 22, 7:00 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's service will be a service of thankfulness led by Elder Mark Bailey. The offering will be for the General Fund.

Greeters: Wilma Yoder and Judy Yoder

Nursery: Sarah Chase and Debbie Yoder

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance:

85

Last Sunday's Service Attendance:

115

Last Sunday's Offering:

\$3,225.00 (Missions Fund)

\$ 125.00 (General Fund)



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18, 6:00 p.m.	Ignite
November 21, 10:00 a.m.	Youth meet at Krispy Kreme
December 2, 6:00 p.m.	Columbus Zoo Wildlights
December 5, 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Pastor Jared's
December 8, 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
December 16, 9:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
December 16, 6:00 p.m.	Ignite

NOTICES

Family Church Night/Bible Study and Youth Bible Study– Please note that there will be no Family Church Night or Youth Bible Study on Wednesday, November 21. They will resume on December 5 at 7:00 pm.

Pastoral Search Committee Update – The Search Committee is currently gathering information and developing an updated description of our congregation. This will be used to complete the Congregational Information Form which will be shared with candidates. The Search Committee also met with the Structure Review Committee to discuss their thoughts on possible changes in our congregation's discernment, leadership, and committee structure.

Christmas Caroling – This year, the Music Committee is asking groups within the congregation to organize caroling groups. Each caroling group will set the date and time that works best for them. Members of the Music Committee will be available to help lead the caroling group if requested. Caroling groups could be organized by Sunday School classes, family groups, church committees, etc. The Music Committee will help to identify people whose homes should be visited to minimize overlaps. At the end of each caroling session, the Music Committee will provide hot chocolate and cookies at the church for the carolers. We ask that groups sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Individuals who would like to join a group can also sign up on the bulletin board and we will add those individuals to caroling groups. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Music Committee: Cliff Troyer, Dennis Graber, KC Theiss, Ron Headings, Brian Lichtle, Pat Anderson.

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Children's Christmas Program - The Primary Department's Christmas Program will take place December 9th at 10:30 am. The children are practicing their songs and are getting excited! If your child cannot participate, please let Wanda Graber or Marilyn Troyer know so that they can plan accordingly.

Pastor Jared on Vacation - Pastor Jared will be out of the office Sunday November 25th thru Sunday December 2nd. He will have limited access to email during this time, if you have a need during this time, please contact one of the Elders.

Office Administrator – Amy Hinton, the church office administrator will be out of the office November 21-23. The office will be open Monday, November 19th. Please contact one of the Elders should you have an immediate need during this time. All items for the November 25th bulletin need to be submitted no later than Monday, November 19th before 2:00 pm.

The Giving Tree and Christmas Basket Program – The Giving Tree will be up on Sunday, November 25th with gift tags on it for those wanting to help with gifts for needy families in the Jonathan Alder School District. This program is in conjunction with the Plain City Presbyterian Church. Each family will receive a \$30.00 donation which will become a gift card to a grocery store and each child will receive a \$25.00 or more gift. Please wrap the gift and attach the gift tag (from the Giving Tree) that has the family #, age and sex of the child. If you choose to give a \$30.00 check for the family, please write the family # in the memo section. Please have all the wrapped gifts as well as the \$30.00 checks made out to the Christmas Basket Fund to the church by Sunday, December 16th. If you purchase a gift card for a teenager (not for a child under 12 years) please mark the amount on the outside of the gift card or box.

Packing of food in boxes and distribution day will be at the Plain City Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 at 9:00 am. After this is completed you can also help with the deliveries of food and gifts to the families. Doors open at 8:00 am and coffee and donuts will be available. Please come before 9:00 am to get your spot at the table for packing.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Grace Sims on the Missions Committee at 614-402-6252.

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Christmas Celebration '18 – All are invited to participate in *Christmas Celebration '18* in the Rosedale Bible College chapel on Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. This last *Just Our Voices '18* hymn sing will feature choirs, a cappella carol singing, instrumental performances as well as a couple Messiah sing-alongs (bring your scores). Enjoy refreshments in the student center following the service.

The Mennonite – A complimentary copy of The Mennonite magazine is in mailboxes today. Look on page 9 for a photo profile of our congregation! If you have interest in joining the church magazine, please contact Amy Hinton in the church office.

Mennonite Mission Network – This November, Mennonite Mission Network is celebrating the global Anabaptist community in four Tuesday E-mail messages with stories built around three pillars of the faith we share.

- Jesus is the center of our faith.
- Reconciliation is the center of our work.
- Community is the center of our lives.

Please join us in prayer for Anabaptists around the world, and give this November. For stories about churches and missions supported through Mennonite Mission Network and information on how you can give, visit <https://www.mennonitemission.net/>.

Menno Snapshots Blog – Maribel Ramirez Hinojosa shares personal reflections on death, grief and supporting each other on the *Menno Snapshots blog*. Read her thoughts at mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss.

Constituency Council News – Find updates from the recent Constituency Council Meeting about church vitality, a prayerful sending for Southeast conference, the proposed Mennonite media merger and more at mennoniteusa.org/healthy-structures.

Give a kit for Christmas! From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a relief kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about relief kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/relief or see the poster on the Mission Opportunities Bulletin Board.

