



Jean Cousin's "The Last Judgement"

First Sunday of Advent: Hope!
Stand up! Raise your heads ...your redemption is near!

December 2, 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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Welcome Center: Janice Bailey
Greeters: Dave and Brenda Montgomery
Nursery: Babs Graber and Volunteer

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Pat Anderson and Marjorie Slabaugh

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Mark Bailey

Bible Memory Verse

Jeremiah 33:14

'The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.'

Worship in Song

WB 172 "O Come, O Come
Immanuel (Veni Emmanuel)"
(vs 1,3,5,6)

Dennis Graber

WB 487 "Teach Me, O Lord"
STJ 54 "Longing for Light"

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

"Teach Me Lord To Wait"

Dennis Graber

(General Fund)

Children's Church

Brian and Maria Lichtle

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 21:25-36

Message

Breaking Loose

Pastor Rob Burdette

Response

STJ 61 "How Can We Be
Silent"

Dennis Graber

SENDING FORTH

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Pastor Rob Burdette

Benediction

STJ 73 "The Lord Lift You Up"

Dennis Graber

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
Christmas Lights Caravan

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Family Church Night – Bible Study
Quilting and Other Projects
Music Committee Meeting
Youth Progressive Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9, 10:30 a.m.

December 12, 7:00 p.m.

December 13, 9:00 a.m.

December 13, 6:00 p.m.

December 15, 9:00 a.m.

December 16, 9:00 a.m.

December 18, 7:00 p.m.

December 19, 6:00 p.m.

December 19, 6:00 p.m.

December 20, 9:00 a.m.

December 22, 7:00 a.m.

December 24

December 30, 1:30 pm.

December 31

January 1

January 3, 9:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program
Family Church Night – Bible Study
Quilting and Other Projects
Worship Planning Meeting
Food Pantry Delivery
Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
Missions Committee Meeting
Family Church Night – Carry-In/Bible Study
Christian Education Meeting
Quilting and Other Projects
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Christmas Eve Service
(time to be announced at a later date)
Edgewater Service
New Year's Eve Lock-In
Church office closed
Quilting and Other Projects

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's service will be the Children's Christmas Program. The offering will be for the Missions Fund.

Greeters: Dennis and Babs Graber

Nursery: Brian and Maria Lichtle

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance:

91

Last Sunday's Service Attendance:

133

Last Sunday's Offering:

\$4,411.00 (General Fund)



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2, 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Lights Caravan
December 5, 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Pastor Jared's
December 8, 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
December 12, 7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
December 16, 9:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
December 16, 6:00 p.m.	Ignite
December 31, 6:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Lock-In

NOTICES

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.

Children's Christmas Program - The Primary Department's Christmas Program will take place December 9th at 10:30 am. There will be a dress rehearsal today at 9:30 am. If your child cannot participate, please let Wanda Raber or Marilyn Troyer know so that they can plan accordingly.

Winter Quarter Lectionary Readings – Copies of the winter quarter scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are now available below the mailboxes.

Quilting and Other Projects – If inclement weather causes the Jonathan Alder Schools to cancel classes, the quilting group will not meet. Also, the group will not meet December 27th.

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Camp Luz Jr. and Sr. High Youth Retreats – Brochures for Jr and Sr High winter retreats at Camp Luz are available by the mailboxes. If you have questions please get in touch with Matt, Camp Luz program director at matt@campluz.com. Or call the camp office 330-683-1246.

The Giving Tree and Christmas Basket Program – The Giving Tree is up 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.

Christmas Celebration '18 – All are invited to participate in *Christmas Celebration '18* in the Rosedale Bible College chapel this evening 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.

It's a Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play – The drama department at Rosedale Bible College, under the direction of Christa Wolfe, will perform Joe Landry's *It's a Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play* the weekend of November 30 – December 2. Please visit rosedale.edu or call 640-857-1311 x 119 for ticket information and starting times.

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Advent Guide for Families – Nurture children’s faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at AnabaptistFaithFormation.org with daily scriptures, songs, activities and questions to ponder together.

Women Doing Theology – Read about the *Women Doing Theology* conference imagining a new world at mennoniteusa.org/news/wdt18 and find more reflections on the Menno Snapshots blog at mennoniteusa.org/tag/women-doing-theology.

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.

50th Annual School for Leadership Training – The 50th annual School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite University, “Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change” will be held January 14-16, 2019. Pastors and church leaders are well aware of the tumultuous seas in which we serve. Significant changes and conflicts in contemporary politics, churches and denominations and in our personal lives present challenges and opportunities for preaching and leading the church today. Church leaders riding these waves of change yearn for deep communion with God’s Spirit and for inspiring worship with other leaders in order to thrive in ministry. School for Leadership Training 2019 will provide this worshipful and renewing encounter through the narrative of Jesus’ crossing the stormy sea with his disciples in Mark 4:35-41. Keynote speakers are Sue Park-hur, John Pavlovitz and David Evans. For more information and to register <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.

Volunteer with SWAP – Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP’s ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. If your church has never been to one of the SWAP locations, or if it has been a while since you have been to SWAP, please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

