



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child**

December 23, 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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Transitional Pastor

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Youth Pastor

614-530-8329

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Elder

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Elder

614-813-3048

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Elder

614-316-6133

Welcome Center: Jessica Yoder  
Greeters: Mark and Janice Bailey  
Nursery: Volunteers needed

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** Betty Rohrer  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship** Brenda Montgomery  
**Bible Memory Verse** Psalm 80:7  
*'Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.'*  
**Worship in Song** "Joy to the World" Praise Band  
"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

**Offertory** "Little Drummer Boy" Praise Band  
**(General Fund)** "Oh Holy Night" Praise Band

### HEARING THE WORD

**Message** Christmas Through a Child's Eyes Pastor Jared Chase  
**Response** "Hallelujah" Praise Band

### SENDING FORTH

**Sharing & Congregational Prayer** Pastor Jared Chase  
**Benediction** "Little Drummer Boy" Praise Band  
(Verse One)"

## TODAY

No activities scheduled

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

**Memory Verse for December 30** Colossians 3:14

*'And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'*

**Monday-Tuesday**

Church Office Closed

**Monday, 6:30 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 30, 1:30 pm.**

Edgewater Service

**December 31**

New Year's Eve Party

**December 31-January 1**

Church Office Closed

**January 3, 9:00 a.m.**

Busy Bees

**January 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Special Members' Meeting:

Vote for Lead Pastor

**January 10, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**January 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Family Church Night Kick-off –

Potluck and Games

**January 17, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**January 17, 9:00 a.m.**

Busy Bees

**January 17, 6:00 p.m.**

Music Committee Meeting

**January 17, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

New Haven Fellowship Red Cross Blood Drive

**January 19, 9:00 a.m.**

Food Pantry Delivery

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

**Greeters:** John and Betty Rohrer

**Nursery:** Volunteers needed

**Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance:**

151

**Last Sunday's Service Attendance:**

202

**Last Sunday's Offering:**

\$25,644.00 (General Fund)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 31, 6:00 p.m.**

**January 6, 6:00 p.m.**

**January 19, 9:00 a.m.**

**January 20, 9:00 a.m.**

**January 20, 6:00 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Party

Ignite

Food Pantry Delivery

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

Ignite

## **NOTICES**

**Special Members' Meeting** – On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Special Members' Meeting to take a vote on making Pastor Jared the Lead Pastor. This will take the place of the Family Church Night previously scheduled for that night.

**Sharon Renewal Meeting: Healthy Conversations Workshop** – We are immersed in a culture that is more polarized every day, and we are told that the best way out of conflict is to fight (and win). There is another option, though. Join Sharon Mennonite for our Renewal Meeting Weekend Workshop on January 26-27 to learn about and practice healthy dialogue. The workshop will be led by Jes Stoltzfus Buller, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Education Coordinator. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday Night (Meal Included) – 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. and Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP for this event, please contact Pastor Jared at [jchase2882@gmail.com](mailto:jchase2882@gmail.com).

**Holiday Office Closures** – In observance of the upcoming holidays, the church office will be closed December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Please contact Pastor Jared or one of the Elders should you have a need during this time.

**Quilting and Other Projects** – If inclement weather causes the Jonathan Alder Schools to cancel classes, the quilting group will not meet. The group will not meet December 27<sup>th</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The group will resume quilting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Church Auction Update** – Thank you to all who helped make this year's Church Auction a success! We raised \$21,654.98! After covering costs for catering and other expenses for the event we were able to earmark \$9,964.99 for general church improvements (\$6,980 of which paid for the new carpet in the foyer), \$5,978.99 for the Zachary George Scholarship Fund, and \$3,986.00 for local ministries. On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank everyone for their donations of time, materials, and talent given during the time leading up to the auction and during the auction itself. Without you, this would not have been possible.

**Camp Luz Jr. and Sr. High Youth Retreats** – Dr. Don Bartlette will be the featured speaker at two retreats at Camp Luz in February. He will speak at both the Youth Retreat on Feb. 1-3 and the Junior High Retreat on Feb. 15-17. For more details, please see the retreat brochures by the mailboxes. If you have questions please get in touch with Matt, Camp Luz program director at [matt@campluz.com](mailto:matt@campluz.com). Or call the camp office 330-683-1246.

**MC USA** – *“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.”* Matthew 2:10. This Christmas season, the staff of MC USA prays that you would seek the light of Christ and find ways to share joy with one another.

**At Home Worship Guide** – Find ideas for celebrating Christmas Eve and Epiphany at home by downloading the *At Home* worship guide at [AnabaptistFaithFormation.org](http://AnabaptistFaithFormation.org).

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual School for Leadership Training** – The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 Parkhur, John Pavlovitz and David Evans. For more information and to register <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.

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**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.