



Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday and today and  
forever.

**Hebrews 13:8**

March 3, 2019

**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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Pastor

614-530-8329

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Elder

614-327-1125

Vickie Yoder,  
Interim Asst. Pastor

614-598-3306

Mark Bailey,  
Elder

614-813-3048

Amy Hinton,  
Office Administrator

740-972-2564

Dennis Graber,  
Elder

614-316-6133

Welcome Center: Mark and Diana Whitmer  
Greeters: Dennis and Babs Graber  
Nursery: Becky Headings and Volunteer

*Hearing assistance devices are available for those who need them.  
Please see attendant in the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary for assistance.*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude** Pat Anderson and  
Marjorie Schlabach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Bible Memory Verse** Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'

**Call to Worship** Jared Shoemaker

**Worship in Song** "Surely Goodness and Mercy" Cliff Troyer and

"There Is A Redeemer" Danny Casey

"Amazing Love"

## **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory** "Open Our Eyes Lord" Cliff Troyer and

**(General Fund)** Danny Casey

**Special Music** Cliff Troyer and

Danny Casey

*Following the offertory, children are excused to attend Children's Church*

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture** Hebrews 13:8

**Message** The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever Pastor Jared Chase

**Response** "God Will Make a Way" Cliff Troyer and

Danny Casey

## **SENDING FORTH**

**Sharing & Congregational Prayer** Pastor Jared Chase

**Benediction** "Bind Us Together" Cliff Troyer and

Danny Casey

## TODAY

No activities scheduled

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

**Memory Verse for March 10**

1 Corinthians 10:13

*'No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.'*

**Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m.**

Busy Bees

**Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**

Work Camp Committee Meeting

**Friday through Saturday**

Annual Conference Assembly, Kidron

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10**

Daylight Savings Time Starts – Spring ahead!

**March 13, 7:00 p.m.**

Family Church Night (Home Ministry Wednesday)

**March 14, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**March 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Missions Committee Meeting

**March 16, 9:00 a.m.**

Food Pantry Delivery

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

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

**March 18, 6:00 p.m.**

Christian Education Meeting

**March 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Church Council Meeting

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

Family Church Night – Bible Study  
(Carry-In Prior to Study)

**March 21, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**March 21, 9:00 a.m.**

Busy Bees

**March 21, 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Haven Fellowship Red Cross Blood Drive

**March 28, 9:00 a.m.**

Quilting and Other Projects

**March 30, 3:00 p.m.**

DNA Community Meal (Sharon serving)

**March 31, 1:00 p.m.**

Edgewater Service

## NEXT SUNDAY

Next week Pastor Alvin Yoder will be speaking. The offering will be for the Missions Fund.

**Greeters:** Ken and Grace Sims

**Nursery:** Nikki Shoemaker and Volunteer

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

86

**Last Sunday's Service Attendance:**

126

**Last Sunday's Offering:**

\$8,742.00 (General Fund)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 6, 7:00 p.m.**

**March 13, 7:00 p.m.**

**March 16, 9:00 a.m.**

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

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

**March 20, 7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday Service

Bible Study

Food Pantry Delivery

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

Ignite

Bible Study

## **NOTICES**

**Baptism/Membership Class** – Pastor Jared will be leading a class for individuals seeking baptism and/or membership. The class is slated to start on Sunday, May 19 and will run for approximately 10 weeks. Baptism Sunday will be held during the Sunday school picnic on Sunday, August 25. For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Jared.

**THE FINAL DAYS OF JESUS Intergenerational Sunday School Class** – Prepare for Easter by joining this intergenerational class beginning on March 10, 2019, in the Mezzanine. We will use the book *The Final Days of Jesus*, which is available in the lobby. Jesus' last week shook but also saved the world. From Palm Sunday to Easter morning, each day and encounter were critical. This book leads us step-by-step along Jesus' route from the triumphant entry to the cross and finally to glory. Please sign up in the lobby, take a copy of the book and read the Table of Contents and Introduction in preparation for the class, which will be led by Cliff Troyer.

**Work Camp** – Work Camp will be June 16-21 this year. We are in need of Adult Volunteers and projects. Registration will start in March. If you have any questions contact Pastor Jared, Megan Colwell – Committee Chairperson, or Darryl Beachy – Registration Chairperson.

**Pastoral Search Committee Update** – Now that the church has affirmed Jared Chase as our new lead pastor, the Pastoral Search Committee is searching for a half-time (.5 FTE) Associate Pastor. You are invited to participate in the discernment process by proposing names of potential candidates – whether the individual be from outside or from within the congregation. The Search Committee is providing a form for this purpose. The form is available from one of the Search Committee members or by the mailboxes. Thank you.

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**Active Agers Indoor Walking** – Walk indoors this winter at The Ball House, 327 W. Bigelow. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00-11:30 a.m., January 7 through March 29 (no walk dates 3/25-03/29, 04/19, and 04/22). See the bulletin board for more information.

**Family Church Night on March 13** – For Family Church Night on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. we will be doing a Home Ministry Wednesday. For more information, please contact Wanda Raber.

**Lent and Holy Week Activities** – This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Vickie Yoder will lead our annual Ash Wednesday service. On Maundy Thursday, April 18, Sharon will host Stations of the Cross, which will be open to the community. More information will follow regarding Holy Week activities at a later date.

**April Retreats at Camp Luz** - In April there is a trio of great retreats at Camp Luz:

- Men's Retreat- April 5-7, with Dick Barret, Ohio Conference Minister. Registration is due by April 1.
- Mother Daughter Retreat- April 12-13, with Vicki Conn, Executive Director of Love INC of Holmes County. Registration is due by April 8.
- Father Son Retreat- April 26-27, with Kevin Himes, pastor at Salem Mennonite (Kidron). Registration is due by April 22.

For more information see the brochures on the bulletin board. Additional brochures are available by the mailboxes.

**Kairos Ministry** – Steph France of the Kairos Ministry will visit Sharon on March 24 to distribute cookie bags for chocolate chip cookies to be taken to the Madison Correctional Facility in London, OH. They request that each bag to be filled with 2 dozen chocolate chip cookies (no nuts or raisins). Cookies will be picked up Friday, April 5 at noon. Steph will also be bringing a Prayer Vigil Sign-up sheet which will be placed on the table in the foyer for those who would like to pray for the participants the weekend of the retreat (April 11-14). If you prefer to help support the Kairos Ministry financially, please make a check to Kairos of Ohio and give it to Steph while he is visiting.

**Missions Committee Food Drive** - The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a food drive throughout Lent, starting Sunday, March 10th and running through Palm Sunday on the 14th. A collection box will be placed in the Foyer to receive non-perishable food items for the drive.

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**Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting** – The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting is planned for Saturday, March 17, 2019 at Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a meal prepared and served by the Axis youth (youth from 5 local Mennonite churches). This is a fundraiser for their summer service project. The meal is by donation. Bonnie Klassen, MCC Area Director for S. America, Mexico, and Cuba will be speaking. Updates for the 2019 Auction will be given and an offering will be taken to help with Relief Sale Expenses. As the “ticket” to the Kick-Off meeting, attendees are asked to bring a new toy (age range 0-14 years old) to be donated for the Children’s Auction. Please RSVP to Sandy Miller at 330-464-8867 via text or voicemail by March 11 to help the group plan the amount of food needed. The Mennonite Central Committee appreciates the part each of you play in serving the needy of the world “In the Name of Christ. “

**Mennonite Central Committee** – We are grateful for your generous support of the work of Mennonite Central Committee, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you, friends and supporters at Sharon Mennonite, for the ways you contribute to the work of MCC through volunteering time, creativity and energy at thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and in assembling material resource kits. We were also blessed by your financial support of \$4,865.19 in 2018. Keep us in your prayers as we collaborate with our 508 partners in 57 countries who are sharing God’s love and compassion through relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. To read about specific partners and projects, please visit [mcc.org](http://mcc.org)! With sincere thanks, Krista Dutt, MCC Church Relations

### **Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2019 Student Essay Project** –

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) announces the 2019 Student Essay Project held in conjunction with its Annual Gathering 2019 under the theme, "Well-being for All." Any student in a program relating to health (physical, mental, or spiritual) at the undergraduate or graduate level who supports the mission of MHF is eligible. Essays are due to [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org) by March 31, 2019. Winners may be published in the online Mennonite Health Journal and receive free registration to attend Annual Gathering 2019, June 21-23, at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. For complete details, visit [www.mennohealth.org/essays/](http://www.mennohealth.org/essays/).

**“Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast”** – Lent begins this Wednesday, and the "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" downloadable at-home guide begins with activities to prepare on March 5 for Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. Select the activities that work best for you throughout Lent at [mennoniteusa.org/lent2019](http://mennoniteusa.org/lent2019).

**“Learn, Pray, Join”** – In a new “Learn, Pray, Join” initiative running through April, MC USA will highlight the work of planting peace churches taking place in collaboration with Mennonite Mission Network, an MC USA agency. Visit [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-to-focus-on-planting-new-peace-churches](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-to-focus-on-planting-new-peace-churches) to learn more.