



Lent 4 – God reaches out with open arms

March 31, 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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Welcome Center: Mark and Diana Whitmer
Greeters: Darryl and Laura Miller
Nursery: Brian and Maria Lichtle

*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 Brian Lichtle

Welcome and Announcements

Bible Memory Verse Luke 9:21-22

‘Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Call to Worship Rick Griest

Worship in Song MH 527 “We Praise Thee, O God” Wanda Raber and Pat Anderson

MH 532 “To God Be the Glory”

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory (General Fund)

Children’s Corner Abigail, Eliza, and Hope

The children will be collecting food items for the food drive after the offertory

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Luke 9:18-20

Message **Who Do You Say That I Am?** Ken Sims

Response “His Name is Wonderful” Wanda Raber and Pat Anderson

SENDING FORTH

Sharing & Congregational Prayer Pastor Vickie Yoder

Benediction “I have decided to follow Jesus”

TODAY

1:00 p.m.

Edgewater Service

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Memory Verse for April 7

1 Peter 4:9-10 (Pastor Cliff Brubaker)

'Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms.'

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Planning Meeting

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night will join the Youth, with Pastor Jared leading.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Busy Bees

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Work Camp Meeting

April 10, 6:00 p.m.

Family Church Night will join the Youth, with Pastor Jared leading. (Carry-In Meal Prior to Study)

April 11, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 18, 9:00 a.m.

Busy Bees

April 18, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

April 20, 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Delivery

April 21, 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday SonRise Service
(Brunch following SonRise Service)

April 21, 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Planning Meeting

April 25, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker will be speaking. Pastor Jared will be installed as lead pastor. The offering will be for the General Fund. There will be a celebration reception in the lobby following the service. We look forward to seeing everyone at this special occasion!

Greeters: Tony and Tina Miller

Nursery: Volunteers Needed

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance:

66

Last Sunday's Service Attendance:

93

Last Sunday's Offering:

\$3,348.00 (General Fund)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, 1:00 p.m.

April 3, 7:00 p.m.

April 7, 6:00 p.m.

April 10, 6:00 p.m.

April 20, 9:00 a.m.

April 28, 6:00 p.m.

Edgewater Service

Bible Study, joined by Family Church
Night

Ignite

Bible Study, joined by Family Church
Night (Carry-In Meal Prior to Study)

Food Pantry Delivery

Ignite

NOTICES

Directory Update – The Lichtle Family has moved to a new home. Their new address is 9029 Ketch Road, Plain City, 43064.

Kairos Ministry – Steph France will be picking up cookies for the Kairos Retreat at the Madison Correctional Facility in London, OH at noon on April 5. They request that each bag be filled with 2 dozen chocolate chip cookies (no nuts or raisins). A Prayer Vigil Sign-up sheet has been 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).

Pastor Alvin Yoder – Pastor Alvin and Ruth Ann will be in California for three weeks with family and doing some MDS volunteer work. They will return April 9.

Missions Committee Food Drive - The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a food drive throughout Lent which will run through Palm Sunday on April 14. The youth will be collecting items during the service and a collection box will also be placed in the Foyer to receive non-perishable food items for the drive.

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.

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.

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Vacation Bible School – Vacation Bible School will take place July 28-August 1. If anyone is interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School this year, please contact Niki Hull.

Youth Venture – Attention Youth ages 15-22: Wishing your summer looked a little more global? Join a team of peers to explore and engage in the movement of God in Peru, Benin, and Indonesia. Youth Venture still has openings available for trips in July. Ready to jump in? Check out MennoniteMission.Net/YouthVenture, or contact Lauren at 574-523-3022 for more information. ***Hurry! Application deadline is April 1.***

Camp Luz Summer Camp Camperships Available - Summer camp registration is now open on the Camp Luz website <https://www.campluz.com/summer-camp.html>. This year the Missions Committee is offering camperships to any youth wanting to attend camp. If campers can pay \$50 of the registration fee, the balance of the cost will be provided from the Missions Fund. Campers are encouraged to register before April 10 so that early bird rate is applied. Please contact Amy Hinton, Office Administrator, once you have made the \$50 deposit so the remaining balance can be sent to Camp Luz.

DNA Spring Fundraising Event – On April 11 at 6:00 p.m., DNA will hold its spring fundraiser which will be a night of Christian dinner theatre. The evening will begin with dinner, followed by the play. Fish-Eyes is the humorous, heartwarming and poignant story of the disciples Peter and Andrew, who drop their nets and follow Jesus on a journey filled with joy, laughter, pain, confusion, and wonderment. Come along with them as they walk with Jesus and witness His miracles, experience His love and struggle to understand His teachings. These very flawed, very funny and very lovable brothers will take you through the Gospels from the moment they were called to the glorious moment the risen Christ returned to them. Dinner costs \$20 per person. To register, go to www.dnaplaincity.org and follow the link to the registration page.

Relay for Life of Madison and Union Counties 2019 – Sharon Mennonite Church is once again a sponsor for Relay for Life, being held Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 6 to midnight at Jonathan Alder High School. Pastor Vickie is our Chairperson. Please see her for details, donations, and luminaries. You can go on line at www.relayforlife.org/madisoncounty and type in Sharon Mennonite Church and make your donations, order luminaries and more. PLEASE, we all know of a friend or family member that is affected by Cancer; let's rally behind SMC in their effort to support our community and this important cause. As cancer survivors both Bob and Vickie will be walking and would appreciate having you walk with them on the track (one lap or more.....).

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Camp Luz – Camp Luz is hiring for their summer staff team. They are in need of counselors, cooks, housekeepers, and lifeguards. Weekly salary and matching staff scholarship for college age staff is available. More info and application can be found at www.campluz.com.

There are three great retreats coming up in April at Camp Luz. More info and registration forms can be found at www.campluz.com.

- 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.

Camp Luz provides Christian overnight camping programs for children for 65 years. This summer, campers will learn to be **STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS**, based on the story of Joshua. Registration is available online. There is a \$10 early bird discount for those who register by April 15. A Campership fund is available for anyone needing assistance. Visit www.campluz.com for more information or call the camp office at 330-683-1246.

SWAP volunteers urgently needed – MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Voices Together new hymnal project – Is there such a thing as a Mennonite song? Read a series of reflections from committee members of the Voices Together new hymnal project on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together.

MCC responds to disaster in Mozambique and Malawi – On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed much of Beira, and affected nearly 3 million people with widespread flooding. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC provide emergency assistance to those in need. You can donate online at mcc.org/cyclone-idai or by calling 1-888-563-4676 or through your local MCC office.

