



I lift up my eyes to the mountains --
where does my help come from?

- Psalm 121:1

Lent 2: Living into Your Story
Genesis 12:1-4 and Psalm 121

March 8, 2020

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

Welcome Center: Gwen Troyer
Greeters: Derrick and Becky Yoder
Nursery: Derrick and Becky Yoder

*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 Denny Hull

Welcome

Bible Memory Verse Psalm 121:1

'My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.'

Call to Worship Jared Shoemaker

Worship in Song *MH 555 "Would You Be Free"*
"God Will Make A Way" Cliff Troyer
and Danny Casey

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *"Eagles' Wings"* Cliff Troyer
(Missions Fund) and Danny Casey

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Corner Pastor Jared Chase
Scripture Genesis 12:1-4 and
Psalm 121

Message **Living into Your Story** Bob Yoder,
Anabaptist Mennonite
Biblical Seminary

Response *MH 534 "Great Is Their Faithfulness"* Cliff Troyer
and Danny Casey

SENDING FORTH

Announcements
Sharing and Congregational Prayer Pastor Jared Chase
Benedictory *MH 593 (Verse 1) "I Love To Tell The*
Song *Story"* Cliff Troyer
and Danny Casey

TODAY

9:00 a.m.

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

6:00 p.m.

Ignite

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Memory Verse for March 15

Psalm 18:2

'The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge'

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Family Church Night

March 19-23

Pastor Jared Out of Office, Vacation

March 19, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

March 20, 9:30 a.m.

Busy Bees

March 21, 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Delivery

March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Planning Meeting

March 25, 6:00 p.m.

Family Church Night (Carry-In Prior)

March 26, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting and Other Projects

March 30-April 3

Office Administrator Out of Office

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week Pastor Walter Campbell will be preaching. The offering will be for the General Fund.

Greeters: Ivan and Loretta Wagler

Nursery: Brian and Maria Lichtle

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance: 84

Last Sunday's Service Attendance: 110

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,284.66 (General Fund)



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8, 9:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
March 8, 6:00 p.m.	Ignite
March 21, 9:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Delivery
March 29, 6:00 p.m.	Ignite
April 5, 9:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
April 5, 12:30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship Meal

NOTICES

Lee and Donna Moyer Are Moving - Lee and Donna are moving closer to their daughter Tammy. They are looking for folks to help in the moving process. They don't have a firm date yet, but they are looking at the end of the month. If you are able to help, please let Pastor Jared know so he can connect you with Tammy.

Online or digital giving is now an option – Online or digital giving is now an option. To give, you can use PayPal for now by going into your paypal account and giving to "sharonmenno@gmail.com". We are also looking into some app possibilities and other options to give some flexibility to those who want to give in different ways.

Stations of the Cross – Sharon Mennonite Church will have Stations of the Cross again this year from April 9 through April 11. We would like to give Families, Sunday School classes, or other small groups the opportunity to participate in setting up the stations. A signup sheet will be set up the foyer for the next four Sundays. The plan is to complete the rooms April 6-8. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Griest 614 653-9301 or harvey6760@yahoo.com.

Primary Age Children Music Group – The Primary Age Children's Music Group plans to meet for the first time on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in The Gathering Place. Parents are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to explore the possibilities. Dennis and Becky are facilitating this opportunity for children four years and older. We would love it if there was more anticipated interest in this group. If that is the case, there is a possibility of a need for more leadership to accommodate multiple groups. This is a true team effort aimed at involving our children and intending to engage them in the love of God and music as an expression of what God is doing in their lives.

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Volunteers Needed! – Thank you to those who have stepped up to help with the positions of Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Christmas Program Coordinator and Librarian! We are still in need of a volunteer for Junior Department Coordinator (current need is April through August). If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Chase or Grace Sims who are the Christian Education Team Leads. Thanks!

Camp Luz Mother Daughter Retreat – The Camp Luz Mother Daughter Retreat is March 20-21. Mother Daughter duo, Miriam Zehr and Sherah-Leigh Gerber will be exploring the them “Feasting Together.” Additional information and registration is available at www.campluz.com and in the brochures under the mailboxes.

Camp Luz Men’s Retreat –The Camp Luz Men’s Retreat is April 3-5, with Pastor John Risner from MCA speaking on the theme Rise Up: A Call to Stand Firm. To learn more about this great weekend of fellowship and encouragement, or to get registered, visit www.campluz.com. Brochures are available under the mailboxes.

MCC is turning 100! How can you celebrate? – A fun way for your family or church to get involved in celebrating MCC is collecting coins with the kids. You can make the collection a joyful event by singing the My Coins Count song. The Ohio Relief Sale will donate the coins to support relief, development and peacebuilding work around the world. Find the My Coins Count song here: <https://mcc.org/stories/my-coins-count-song>. Also Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 55th Ohio MCC Relief Sale on Friday, July 31 and August 1, 2020 at the fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio.

2020 Mennonite Educators Conference – What makes and Anabaptist Mennonite education unique – and how does it impact the future of our congregations and communities? More than 350 educators gathered to address these questions at the recent 2020 Mennonite Educators Conference in Virginia. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/2020-mennonite-educators-conference/>.

Remember in prayer and praise this week
March 8, 2020 – March 14, 2020

Rejoice with Clay & Mallory Headings who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

Rejoice with Clyde Anderson, Edna Kaufman, Lauren Gerber, Rob Burdette, Clay Headings, and Silas Shoemaker who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Remember in prayer:

- Phyllis Calle, Betty Hostetler, Pat Kuhns, Andy Mayer, Shaun Miller, Kelly Lavy, Bobby Moore, Loretta Wagler, Charlie Wiese, Emily Harris, Matthew Bauer, Cathy Rocco, Ruth Ann Beachy, Joe Russell, Fred Headings, Dawn Hostetler and our family and friends living with cancer, its treatments and other long-term illnesses.
- Alvin & Edna Kaufman, Ed & Emma Miller, Shannon Russell, Mabel Yoder, Mary Yutzy, Elvin Sommers, and Alice Yutzy who are homebound.
- Beth Roberts – Please be in prayer for the family of Beth Roberts, the mother of many friends of the congregation. Beth passed away on March second after being transferred to hospice for kidney complications. Please be in prayer for Beth's family and friends as they mourn her passing.
- Theiss Family – Please be in prayer for the Theiss family as Doug Theiss, KC's father, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 28th. Calling hours were held Friday and his service was held on Saturday. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace for KC and his family.
- Dawn Hostetler – Please be in prayer for Dawn Hostetler as she has been diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer. Also be in prayer for her husband, Jason, and her boys, Cayden and Seth, as they face this diagnosis with her. Pray for healing and for peace for the family.
- Emery Helmuth – Please be in prayer for the family of Emery Helmuth who passed away last week. Please pray for comfort and peace for this family.
- Kramer Family – Please continue to be in prayer for the Kramer Family. John Kramer, a family friend of Fred and Debbie Yoder, passed away on Monday, February 17. Pray for peace and comfort for his family.

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- **Ross Family** – Please continue be in prayer for the family of Gretchen Lane, the mother of Emily Ross, a close friend of church office Administrator Amy Hinton. Gretchen had been battling cancer for several years and passed away last week after being transferred to hospice. Pray for strength, comfort, and peace for the family.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Rebekah York of Mennonite Mission Network is serving at Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Pray for her as she helps prepare young leaders and provides continuing education opportunities for seasoned church leaders.
- **Mennonite Education Agency requests prayer for Lancaster Mennonite School (Lancaster, PA)** – The Lancaster Mennonite High Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners be blessed in each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to the different locations.

Many concerns are too personal to share, or timing is not appropriate; let us remember to pray for one another and unmentioned prayer requests.

Sharon Mennonite Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders

Finance and Facilities Council

Mark Bailey (Elder)

Gwen Troyer (At-large)

Cami Beachy (At-large)

Dave Montgomery (At-large)

Darryl Miller (Trustee)

Gary Hostetler (Trustee)

Dan Yoder (Trustee)

Carolyn Kopec (Treasurer)

Maria Lichtle (Treasurer)

Jared Chase (Pastor)

Walter Campbell (Associate Pastor)

Worship Team Leaders

Nikki Shoemaker (Lead)

Babs Graber (Assistant)

Missions Team Leaders

Rick Griest (Lead)

Sue Hostetler (Assistant)

Congregational Care Team Leaders

Bobbi Watkins (Lead)

Beth Whitmer (Assistant)

Youth Ministry Team Leaders

Megan Colwell (Lead)

Johnathan Beachy (Assistant)

Christian Education Team Leaders

Sarah Chase (Lead)

Grace Sims (Assistant)