



The Sharon Mennonite Worship Hour

Lent 4: Show Us, Jesus, How You Define Blindness

John 9:35-41

March 22, 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Bible Memory Verse

1 Samuel 16:7

‘But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”’

Children’s Message

Pastor Walter Campbell

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

John 9:35-41

Message

Pastor Walter Campbell

Lent 4: Show Us, Jesus, How You Define Blindness

Prayer

Announcements

Benedictory Song

TODAY

No activities scheduled

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Memory Verse for March 29

Psalm 130:5

'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.'

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday – Monday, March 23

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Family Church Night **(Cancelled)**

Quilting and Other Projects **(Cancelled)**

Pastor Jared Out of Office, Vacation

Busy Bees **(Cancelled)**

Food Pantry Delivery **(Volunteers Filled)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25, 6:00 p.m.

March 26, 9:30 a.m.

March 27

Family Church Night **(Cancelled)**

Quilting and Other Projects **(Cancelled)**

Meal Service at Maranatha

(Information to Follow)

April 1, 7:00 p.m.

April 2, 9:30 a.m.

April 3, 9:30 a.m.

April 4, 8:30 a.m.

April 5

April 5, 9:00 a.m.

April 5, 12:30 p.m.

April 8, 7:00 p.m.

April 9, 9:30 a.m.

April 9-11

April 12, 8:00 a.m.

April 12, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Family Church Night **(Cancelled)**

Quilting and Other Projects **(Cancelled)**

Busy Bees **(Cancelled)**

Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast **(Cancelled)**

Palm Sunday

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser **(Cancelled)**

Youth Fellowship Lunch **(Cancelled)**

Family Church Night **(Cancelled)**

Quilting and Other Projects **(Cancelled)**

Stations of the Cross **(Cancelled)**

SonRise Service **(Cancelled)**

Breakfast **(Cancelled)**

Easter Worship Service

(Tentative – To Be Streamed)

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week Pastor Jared Chase will be preaching. The offering will be for the General Fund.

Last Sunday's Service Attendance:

63

Last Sunday's Offering:

\$3,465.00 (General Fund)



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21, 9:00 a.m.

March 29, 6:00 p.m.

April 5, 9:00 a.m.

April 5, 12:30 p.m.

April 26, 6:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Delivery **(Volunteers filled)**

Ignite **(Cancelled)**

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser **(Cancelled)**

Youth Fellowship Meal **(Cancelled)**

Ignite **(Cancelled)**

NOTICES

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – We appreciate your sharing in church on Sunday and through texts and phone calls before and after worship on Sunday morning. We value your input, your commitment to one another, and your faith in Jesus. As a result of the most recent directives from our government asking we refrain from gathering in groups of more than 10 for at least the next 3 weeks, and the additional directive extending up to 8 weeks to refrain from gathering in more than 50 people, we have decided to suspend all church and facility related activities from now until April 11th. We will not have Sunday school, Sunday morning worship, Family Church Night, F.U.E.L. Mennonite Youth Gatherings, Quilting, Busy Bees or Tuesday morning Bible Study at the Church. All outside groups have been asked to cease meeting in the building as well.

Blessings & Peace! - Pastors Jared & Walter

Sunday Morning Worship – We will be recording services to upload to YouTube and you will be sent a Worship Guide on Friday afternoon prior to the service. We hope to have this shareable on social media and via E-mail so that we still have a form of guided worship each week. We encourage you to find ways to study, pray, and encourage each other during this time.

Message of Thanks - Dear friends at Sharon Mennonite, on behalf of Ohio Conference, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your warm hospitality in hosting our annual conference this year. Many of you were involved and we want to extend a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you that had a part in making the Annual Conference Assembly such a positive experience. Jared and Sarah Chase and Vickie Yoder were so gracious and capably handled all the logistics and many details with grace. The evaluations reflected great appreciation for your kind hospitality and the day wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many of you. Thanks so much for your willingness to serve. May you be richly blessed!

Judy King for the Ohio Conference Staff and Leadership Team

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Thank you for caring for each other! – An individual who prefers to remain anonymous wants to thank those who have reached out help our members who are over the age of 65 or who have their immune systems compromised. Thank you for your care and concern and for being the church!

Church Office – Pastoral staff and the church administrative assistant will be available via phone for any needs that may arise. For those with a pastoral care concern outside of normal church hours, contact Pastor Jared or Pastor Walter. The office administrator will be in the office for the next few weeks for flexible hours to handle administrative tasks that cannot be performed remotely.

There are multiple ways to give at this time – If you have PayPal, you may give by sending funds to “sharonmenno@gmail.com” through your PayPal account. You can also send a check through the mail or slide a check under the office administrator’s office door.

Please update your contact information with the church office – As it is with many organizations, things are changing quickly and we want to keep you informed of how the current situation affects church activities and the Plain City community. If you, or someone you know, does not have current information on file with the church office, please contact the church office administrator, Amy Hinton, via phone at 614-873-8290 or E-mail at sharonmenno@gmail.com. Please indicate if you would prefer to receive information via phone call, text message, or E-mail. We must have your consent to send information.

Edgewater Service Cancelled – The Edgewater Service scheduled for the 29th has been cancelled in due to ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) concerns. Edgewater’s parent company has asked them to cancel any large group functions. Visitors are not allowed at this time per a directive from Governor DeWine’s office.

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Message from DNA – In uncertain times the tendency is to pull back, retreat, and cover our own families. This is needed. But after the initial introspection when we realize that we are all ok we need to look up and realize that in this crisis there is an incredible opportunity to release peace in our city. God is looking for us to not only stand firm (don't let the enemy make you cower in the corner!) and consider how you personally can take ground. We take ground when we are expansive instead of inward and in fear. It means reaching out with a phone call to our elderly neighbor or baking and delivering a loaf of bread to deliver to the neighbor family you only wave to in passing. Get creative about serving! If you would like to serve at DNA, we are covering our DNA Community as well as Pleasant Valley Senior Center. To find out how to serve go to our website at www.dnaincity.org. Also, DNA is still looking to hire a volunteer coordinator. More information is available on their website.

Country Closet – Country Closet Thrift Store is closed to shoppers at this time due to the current Coronavirus COVID-19 concerns. Volunteers are limited to ten volunteers at a time and they are still accepting donations for the time being. Any changes will be communicated as they arise.

Camp Luz Mother Daughter Retreat – The Camp Luz Mother Daughter Retreat originally scheduled for March 20-21 has been cancelled. Camp Luz will notify us if it is rescheduled.

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. Should this be cancelled in the future, Camp Luz will notify us.

Remember in prayer and praise this week
March 22, 2020 – March 28, 2020

Rejoice with Mike and Denise Beachy who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

Rejoice with Magnolia Steiner, Amy Shoemaker, and Christopher Judy 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, Hawken 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.
- Those affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Please be in prayer for those being affected by the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Pray for healing for those infected and that those affected by the virus will be a limited number. Pray for God’s peace for those who are afraid of contracting the virus. Pray for protection for health care workers and all first responders.
- Yaqi Schumacher - Please be in prayer for Yaqi Schumacher, daughter of Bill and Carole, who was scheduled for eye surgery this week. Pray that she may receive the surgery needed and have a complete and successful recovery.
- Hawken – Please be in prayer for Hawken, the cousin of Cami Beachy, who has received a cancer diagnosis. His surgery was pushed up and was completed successfully. He will start receiving treatments soon. Pray for complete healing from cancer and for protection during his treatments.
- Pray for our leaders – Pray for President Trump, Governor DeWine, and all local, national, and international leaders as they make difficult decisions during this unprecedented time in history. Pray for clarity in decision making and that God leads them to make decisions that honor Him and protect the people of our country and the world. Pray for a spirit of peace and cooperation between countries and communities as we all face this crisis.

Prayer Requests, continued (page 2)

- **Mary Troyer** – Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Troyer as she has had a recurrence of health concerns and is not doing well. Pray for Mary, Gwen, and Jim as they face these trials with her and that God may give them peace knowing that she is in His hands.
- **Quentin and Stephanie Casey** – Please continue to offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving as Quentin and Stephanie recently welcomed a baby boy. Pray for them as they adjust to their new family member and pray for their health and well-being.
- **Junie Thomas** – Please continue to be in prayer for the family of Junie Thomas who passed away recently. Pray for peace and comfort for Junie's family.
- **Fred Headings** – Fred has returned home from the hospital. Please continue to be in prayer for both Fred and Mary as Mary cares for him. Pray for his health and protection during this time of unknowns.
- **Joe** – Joe, Grace Sim's uncle, recently passed away. Please continue to be in prayer for his family. Pray for peace and comfort.
- **Bob Yoder** – Please continue to be in prayer for Bob as he has been battling the flu. Pray for continued healing and rest.
- **Abe Troyer** – Esther Beachy's Uncle, Abe Troyer, passed away recently. Please continue to be in prayer for Esther and her family. Pray for peace and comfort.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for you people, ages 15-22, whom God is calling to participate in this summer's Youth venture programs in Benin, Columbia, Nazareth Village in Israel-Palestine, Peru, Spain, and the United States (Kykotsmovi, Arizona).

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)