

Send our roots rain

a worship series on the *Psalms*

January 18, 2026
9:30AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Greeter: Volunteers

Prelude		Dennis Hull
Welcome & Call to Worship		Mark Whitmer
Worship in Song	<i>All Creatures Of Our God and King*</i> <i>All Things Bright And Beautiful</i> <i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Dennis Graber Nesya
Special Music	<i>All Good Gifts</i>	
Scripture	Psalm 65	Mark Bailey
Message	Praise: You Visit the Earth & Water It	Pastor Walter Campbell
Response	<i>God Of Our Strength</i>	Dennis Graber Nesya
Sharing Time & Prayer		Pastor Walter Campbell
Benediction		Mark Whitmer
Sending Song	<i>The Blessing</i>	

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TODAY, Pastor Search Committee Ballots were given out last Sunday. If you haven't, please prayerfully complete the ballot and return it to the box in the foyer by this evening at 5pm. See an elder if you have concerns.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting <i>Gathering Place</i>
Wednesday, 6:30pm	Sharon Discernment Session #3 <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Thursday, 6:30pm	Cluster Meeting <i>Foyer</i>
Saturday, 7:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast <i>Der Dutchman</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

Vickie Yoder will bring the message. The offering will be for the General Fund.
Greeters: Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 27, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting <i>Gathering Place</i>
January 28, 6:00pm	Bible Study <i>Foyer</i>
February 1, 1:30pm	Edgewater Service <i>Edgewater Senior Living</i>
February 2, 6:00pm	Book Club <i>Library</i>
February 3, 9:30am	Quilting & Crafting <i>Gathering Place</i>
February 4, 6:00pm	Bible Study <i>Foyer</i>

Sharon Discernment Sessions – One 'Sharon Discernment' Session remains to address challenges within Sharon, Wednesday January 21, beginning at 6:30pm, and will focus on what we can implement to address challenges within Sharon. We strongly invite all that are attending to participate in round table discussion to share their perspectives and suggestions for improving our church. If additional time is required, further meetings will be arranged on subsequent Wednesdays. Previous Wednesdays focused on Sharing and hearing concerns and Exploring potential solutions.

Thank you to Becky May from the Quilting & Crafting Group. The donation of your sister's fabric collection was overwhelmingly accepted and appreciated. We are inspired to create and bless others through your gift!

Rosedale Bible College invites you to Soup & Signing with Jewel Showalter, author of her new memoir, *Finding Home*. Join us in the RBC Student Center, Saturday, January 24@4:00 pm and stay for a bowl of soup!



This week's offering is for the General Fund.
Scan to give online, or place your cash or check in the secure slot in the foyer.

Worship Team Update

We're delighted to welcome Grace Sims to the Worship Team for 2025-2026.

Our team is committed to equipping worship leaders with thoughtful, well-planned resources for each Sunday's worship service. These resources draw from both external and internal sources that reflect our Anabaptist identity and values.

Externally, we utilize Leader magazine from MennoMedia, an Anabaptist publishing house that provides curricula, resources, and materials rooted in following Jesus in word and deed. We also draw from CommonWord, a collection of Anabaptist and related resources based at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

When we're not using these external resources, we create our own internal materials. Pastor Walter develops series that include a focus statement, scripture readings, sermon titles, themes, and song suggestions for each Sunday. Rachel Whitmer then formats these into a week-by-week guide that worship and music leaders can work from.

Our team meets monthly to plan ahead, allowing us to avoid last-minute preparations whenever possible. We know that some aspects of weekly worship inevitably come together at the last minute, so we're intentional about doing as much advance planning as we can. Currently, we're already working on Lent and Easter worship planning, as well as laying the groundwork for the series that will follow Easter.

In December, Dennis Graber planned and coordinated a beautiful service featuring "Candles & Carols," a Christmas musical celebration. This special service brought together many church and community members, including high school musicians from Jonathan Alder. Despite a snowy morning, we're grateful to all who came in person or joined us online.

Looking ahead to 2026, Gabby Pollom and Rachel will be traveling to Laurelville Retreat Center in southwestern Pennsylvania for a Music and Worship Leaders weekend in January. This gathering brings together folks from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and parts of southern Ontario to share ideas, attend workshops, and worship together. This year Rachel is presenting a workshop on Tools for Worship Planning, using Sharon Mennonite Church's own model of shared Google docs to communicate and collaborate on weekly worship planning.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who make each Sunday morning's worship meaningful: our worship leaders, music leaders, prelude musicians, volunteers in the sound booth, and those who prepare visual arts for the front of the sanctuary. Your faithful service is a gift to our congregation.

We're grateful for the opportunity to serve our congregation through thoughtful, Spirit-led worship planning.