

# 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**

*All Creatures Of Our God and King\**

Dennis Gruber  
Nesya

*All Things Bright And Beautiful*

*Come Thou Fount*

**Special Music**

*All Good Gifts*

**Scripture**

Psalm 65

Mark Bailey

**Message**

**Praise: You Visit the Earth & Water It**

Pastor Walter Campbell

**Response**

*God Of Our Strength*

Dennis Gruber  
Nesya

**Sharing Time & Prayer**

Pastor Walter Campbell

**Benediction**

Mark Whitmer

**Sending Song**

*The Blessing*

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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**

**Wednesday, 6:30pm**

**Thursday, 6:30pm**

**Saturday, 7:00am**

Quilting & Crafting *Gathering Place*

Sharon Discernment Session #3 *Fellowship Hall*

Cluster Meeting *Foyer*

Men's Fellowship Breakfast *Der Dutchman*

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Vickie Yoder** will bring the message. The offering will be for the General Fund.

Greeters: Volunteers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 27, 9:30am**

**January 28, 6:00pm**

**February 1, 1:30pm**

**February 2, 6:00pm**

**February 3, 9:30am**

**February 4, 6:00pm**

Quilting & Crafting *Gathering Place*

Bible Study *Foyer*

Edgewater Service *Edgewater Senior Living*

Book Club *Library*

Quilting & Crafting *Gathering Place*

Bible Study *Foyer*

**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.