

# SHARON NEWSLETTER

January – February  
2026



John 15:5

**“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me, you can do nothing.”**

We need to be reminded how to bear fruit. Discussion and prayers are the beginning of taking action to bear fruit. We need everyone's voice in the Discernment Sessions. Please make time for these very important discussions.

## Sharon Discernment Sessions

We will be holding Three ‘Sharon Discernment’ Sessions to address challenges within Sharon on Wednesday evenings—January 7, 14, and 21—in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:30 pm. **January 7<sup>th</sup>** will be focused on sharing and hearing concerns. **January 14<sup>th</sup>** will be focused on exploring potential solutions. **January 21<sup>st</sup>** will be focused on what we can implement to address challenges within Sharon. We strongly invite all that are attending to participate and share their perspectives or suggestions for improving our church. We will be using round table discussions instead of a large group format. If additional time is required, further meetings will be arranged on subsequent Wednesdays. Participation from the entire Sharon community is strongly encouraged.

**Sharon Leadership Team**

## Coming Lent Series – “Jesus as Central”

This year for Lent, we will be focusing on a series called “**Jesus as Central**.” In Colossians 1:15-20, Paul explains why Jesus holds the central place. The passage centers on Christ's supremacy—as the image of the invisible God, the creator and sustainer of everything, and the one who reconciles all creation through his sacrifice on the cross. These verses present a grand vision, highlighting Christ's ultimate power and authority over all things. This demonstrates the profound significance of Christ's work in mending the relationship between humanity and God and reveals how all parts of creation are

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**Heritage Service**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @1:30pm**

**Quilting and Crafting**  
**Tuesdays @9:30am**  
**Thursdays @5:30pm**

**Women's Prayer Breakfast**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday @8:00am**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday @7:00am**

**Bible Study**  
**Wednesday's 6:00 pm**

**Food Pantry Delivery**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @9:00am**

**Sewing Classes**  
**Tuesdays 1-4 pm**

Why should Christ be first place in our lives? Why should He be first in our church, our community, and our nation? Because Christ is supreme, nothing else should distract us from him. We must get rid of anything that keeps us from glorifying Christ. Often in our lives, Christ is marginalized. He often isn't first: work, sports, hobbies, or family commonly takes first place. Paul gives us reasons why Christ should be first in our lives and in the entire world. He talks about how special Christ is and why he must be preeminent—first.

The intent in bringing this series is to have us realize that Jesus Christ must be the central focus of Sharon Mennonite Church. Jesus is why we come together each Sunday. Jesus is why we fellowship together and encourage one another. So often we tend to get distracted as a body of believers and Jesus becomes second place. This series during Lent will give us a chance to analyze and ask the question if Jesus Christ is central at Sharon. We will also be discussing each weekly theme of Jesus being central in our Sunday School classes each week.

Lent begins on February 22 and continues until Easter, April 5. Meghan Good will be here to bring the message on the first Sunday of Lent to talk about the Preeminence of Jesus. Below you will find the themes for each Sunday through Easter. I hope you are concerned about Sharon and that we can all be here to learn in this series. **Pastor Walter Campbell**

#### **Weekly Themes:**

February 22 – “The Preeminence of Jesus Christ”, **Colossians 1:15-20**, Meghan Good

March 1 – “My Identity is Centered in Jesus”, **Colossians 3:1-11**, Walter

March 8 – “The Word is Centered in Jesus”, **John 1:1-5**, Walter

March 15 – “My Walk is Centered in Jesus”, **Colossians 2:1-10**, Walter

March 22 – “My Witness is Centered in Jesus”, **Acts 8:26-35**, Steven Cseplo

March 29 – Palm Sunday – “My Salvation is Centered in Jesus”, **Matthew 21:1-11**, Walter

April 5 – Easter – “My Everlasting life is Centered in Jesus”, **1 Cor. 15:55-58**, Walter





## SMC Newsletter

SMC has recently lived out our vision of “being the Bridge connecting the community to Jesus Christ,” in several ways. We continue to support DNA with the use of our facility. In November we supported the Hispanic Thanksgiving meal and church service. We also hosted a table at the DNA fund raiser Gala along with several other groups and businesses within the community.

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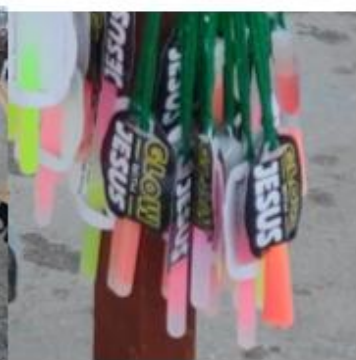
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SET-UP, TEAR DOWN, and SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

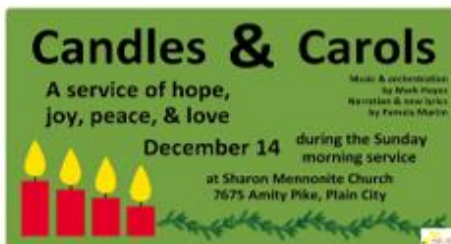
SHEET HANGING AT DNA BILLBOARD



We shared 36 dozen cookies, 20 gallons of hot chocolate and over 300 “Glow with Jesus” glowsticks. The weather was chilly, but there was a warm atmosphere as we shared Jesus with the community.



A special thank you to Dennis Graber and the musicians and singers from the community for an excellent December 14<sup>th</sup> Candles & Carols program. Thanks you for sharing your musical gifts to bring us an awesome Christmas program once again. If you missed it click on the link [Candles & Carols Christmas Program | December 14, 2025](#). You will be blessed!!!!





## Troyer Life Group

Troyer Life Group celebrated each other and the Christmas Season at the Hamlet. On Wednesday, Dec. 17th. Vickie shared the following poem, she had written:

Christmas is the time of year,  
When people greet you with a cheer.  
And memories of loved ones are held  
Oh so dear.

Christmas is a special day in which  
All people adorn  
For on this quiet, holy night,  
Jesus our Savior was born.

Wouldn't it be grand if Christmas could stay  
Every year, every day!  
The secret meaning found deep in your heart  
Would always be there, and never depart.

We invited in a visitor who joined the group for a while and shared great food, games and stories. If you do not belong to a SMC Life Group, your welcome to join us. Here are a few pictures from our gathering.





## Worship Team Update

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

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.

Rachel Whitmer



Sewing classes will have a "new and improved" format for 2026! We will now be sewing every Tuesday from 1-4! This sewing time is for you to work in UFO's (unfinished objects) or on a project that you may need help with. At the beginning of each Tuesday, I will have a mini lesson on topics to help you advance your sewing skills. I will have a couple of projects we will do too-as the year goes on. Here are two projects. Please join us when you can! Questions? Ask Nancy

From the Ladies that Quilt

This fall has seen many additions to the Tuesday sewing group. Our weekly quilters have been averaging about 7 but on some weeks we have had up to 14 quilters! We welcome everyone to join the fun and even if you are new to crafting-we are able to teach you a new skill!

Another addition was a very generous fabric donation from Kim Mayer! We are now stocked with cottons for our projects and future needs. Thank you Kim! We have a need for a person(s) to help spot clean the quilt tops, mend, design and bind. No matter how you can help-we would love to have you. Thursday evening sewing has slowed down for the winter months. As soon as we have interested evening sewers, we will be sewing in Thursday evenings.

The Quilt Bash in Kidron will be March 12-14. We have a group from church going and staying overnight Thursday and coming home Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in joining the group -contact Nancy or Babs.

## Ohio MCC Comforter Bash

**March 12-14, 2026**

*Times to be determined*

*Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Please pack your own food for meals.*

**MCC Material Resources Center**  
**4080 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636**



**Thank You, Vickie!**

"Church Safety"

-Vickie Yoder joined the Plain City Police Department "Protect Your House of Worship" [training.in](#) November. It was well attended and had good education and conversation to make our community a safer place for everyone. It was facilitated by Gary L. Sigrist, Jr. of the PC Police department.

SMC has previously taken steps to keep our church safe: a: locks changed, b: cameras installed at all entrances c: doors locked after service. begins. It was noted that our continued awareness and preparation play a vital role in keeping our place of worship secure. If you would like more information regarding this seminar, please let me know.

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