




SHARON NEWSLETTER

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1John 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

When I started to receive the following articles for this newsletter, I realized that love abounds for those in need whether they sit with us in the pew or whether they have never sat with us.

The love of God most certainly abides with Sharon when it comes to Mission month. We know how to band together to help those in need, whether it be a sewing project, Sunday School or a burned-out home.

May Love abide in our hearts for all in need, spiritually or physically.

Sunday School Picnic, August 24

Plans are in the works for this year's Sunday School Picnic to be on Sunday August 24. It will be here at our church. Plan now to be in attendance and invite your friends and family. More information will be coming.

Mission's Month Speakers

- July 13 will be Gene Miller from Agape Church in Marysville. Gene has a connection with the Hope Center ministry in Marysville.
- July 20 will be Andy Stoner. Andy and his wife Anita have been volunteering recently in their retirement in SOOP, Service Opportunities with Our Partners, and MDS, Mennonite Disaster Service.
- July 27 will be Dion and Naty Peachey. Dion Peachey and his wife, Naty, serve as Apostolic Spiritual Community Sowers with Frontier Ventures.
- August 3 will be Eric Kurtz with MCC, Mennonite Central Committee to share about the worldwide ministry they provide.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Heritage Service
1st Sunday @1:30pm

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

Women's Prayer Breakfast
2nd Saturday @8:00am

Men's Prayer Breakfast
4th Saturday @7:00am

Bible Study
Summer Break

Food Pantry Delivery
3rd Saturday @9:00am



SEWING CLASSES

Sewing classes continue to be a fun way for the ladies to get together and learn new sewing techniques. This winter/spring has been a little challenging because of everyone's schedules and travels. We have repeated classes a couple of times because people really wanted to do them but their schedule didn't work out for them to be at the scheduled class. Our projects have been fun and somewhat challenging! Thanks to the ladies that



Sewing Shepherd Scene OPEN TO ALL

This winter I introduced a class to be taught this summer. It is open to all and YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEW!! As long as you can trace, weild an iron and basically put together a picture-you can do this project. There will be two dates available for you to do this class. It will only take one class to do. A supply list will be short-I will put together kits at a reasonable cost. You will need to find a frame. Supply list will be out in August. PLEASE REGISTER ON THE BULLETIN BOARD SO I CAN MAKE A KIT(S) FOR YOU.

The dates are 9/6 and 9/20.

Childrens Sunday School

The children have continued learning about Jesus and the promise he has given us all. We have really enjoyed having Dash and Crosser and lately we have added Calvin, Finnick and Eliot Whitley with us as well! Summer brings many visitors-Julia and Avery are welcome when they join us too! This summer we will focus on Biblical Character Building and having some fun at Camp Jesus! You will notice a camping theme downstairs (in mid July after our current series finishes) We are making it a fun summer for the kids and will discover God's world around us-so if you don't see us downstairs we are applying our lesson outside!

Missions

Sharon has through the Missions Funds been helping a local family that lost everything in a trailer fire in early April. Many of us saw the smoke from the blaze on a Sunday morning before service. The family did not have adequate insurance for removal of a burned out trailer haul. A plea was put out on social media and that's how Sharon became involved with our neighbors. We have helped with removal of the destroyed trailer, cleaned the site (with wonderful Sharon volunteers) and had the site prepped for a purchased trailer (family did have insurance for replacement). We are now working with MDS to build entry stairs in front and back of the trailer. Stay tuned for an opportunity to assist in this construction. We also putting together ideas on helping with replacing household items and necessities lost in the fire. DNA and Country Closed may be partners in these plans. And finally a family of 5 with a single wide needs storage and a shed, with the help of the MDS rep at Shiloh, Rosedale Trades has a shed they wish only to recoup materials cost (\$2,600) labor to move the shed has been donated.





Mission Report

This year, Mission team is composed of Bill Schumacher and Steve Kopec. Below are activities since the beginning of the year.

Tables at Festivals

Looking into having a presence at several Plain City Festivals again this year. Potential festivals include Rock the Clock, Steam Threshers Festival and/or Parade, Christmas under the Clock. Also looking into a presence at the Plain City Farmer's Market.

Sister Church

Sharon is in the process of exploring a sister church relationship with a congregation in Ethiopia. The Meserete Kristos Church (MKC, translated Christ is the Foundation Church) is now the largest Mennonite denomination in the world. We look forward to fellowship with a distant part of the global Anabaptist family.

Bangladesh Arsenic project

Our first community fundraiser was held at the church in mid-March, a soup & chili cookoff, along with silent auction and Bangladeshi crafts bazaar. Thanks to so many who helped in a variety of ways! Close to \$15,000 was raised for safe water in rural Bangladesh. We so appreciate the support of our church family & community.

School Supplies

We will be working with DNA to help provide school supplies for lower income families this fall.

We would like to thank all those who have helped with the mission projects. These all represent the work of the entire Church.

Worship Music

We were recently introduced to a brand new song at Sharon "The First Hymn" and it was co-written by Chris Tomlin and Ben Fielding. Although this iteration of the song was just released, the bones of the song are over 1800 years old.

The key words and the message of this song, "The First Hymn", belong to Christian believers from the 3rd century. Tomlin's version of this song is a reincarnation of an ancient artifact unearthed in Egypt in the year

1918. Archaeologists found a scrap containing the earliest known hymn from the ruins of an ancient Egyptian city called Oxyrhynchus. What they discovered contained not only lyrics, but music as well. The words on the scrap of papyrus translate as such...

“Let all be silent: the shining stars not sound forth. All rushing rivers stilled, as we sing our hymn to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As all Powers cry out in answer, Amen, Amen.”

It turns out, there is a documentary film in the works about this process of discovery, and the film will be available at digital retailers in August.

(this information was gathered from an article by Melonee Hurt of the Nashville Tennessean/USA Today Network)

