



SHARON CONNECTION

March – April 2024

JOHN 13:14 If I then, Lord and

Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 34: A new commandment I give unto you. That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

These words seem so simple. The Lord shows his love through actions. Can the Lord's love abound with no action or does this love require action from us?

Pastor Walter Campbell

Sharing Funds Available

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, **and especially to those who are of the household of faith**”, Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

Did you know that Sharon Church has a Sharing Fund available? The purpose of maintaining the Sharing Fund is to have emergency funds available for assistance to members and regular attendants who experience a financial crisis. If you hear or know of where we can help one another financially, please bring these matters to an Elder or the Pastor. When helping, it will be done in a confidential and anonymous way. This is another way in which we can love and support one another.

Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday evening, March 28 at 6:30 pm, we will hold a Maundy Thursday Worship Service here in the Fellowship Hall. This will include a simple seder supper, and also some thoughts and reflections. Maundy Thursday is reminiscent of the day that Jesus observed the Last Supper with his disciples prior his crucifixion. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of this service.

Easter Sunday Services

Easter is here, Christ is Risen! Easter will be observed on Sunday March 31. We will have a pot-luck style breakfast from 8:30-9:30 that morning. Carolyn Kopec will oversee the breakfast. There will be no Sunday School. Our Easter Worship Service will start at 10:00. Communion will be observed in the service. Come share in breakfast that morning and worship together on this Easter, giving praise to our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

New Pastor Search Team

On Sunday February 25, nomination ballots were handed out for each one to nominate persons to serve on the search team for finding a new pastor for Sharon Church. We are looking for seven persons from the congregation to serve on this team. In wanting to have a cross section of our congregation to serve on this, we are asking from various age groups. The nomination ballot sheet has the selections and the various age groups noted. We are asking that there be no married couples on this team. Please bring these sheets back to the church

on or before Sunday March 10. The Sharon Leadership Team will then process and confirm the names nominated and there will be a congregational affirmation taken once all the positions have been filled. Please pray for this and be discerning as you make your nominations.

Gift Discernment Team

Elder Steve Kopec is beginning to work on the team that will make up the Gift Discernment for securing people in various positions for the upcoming church year. The primary duty of the Gift Discernment Team is to seek persons with the gifts for the proper assignment at the right time. People to work in service to the church and each other. Has God been speaking to you about using your gifts in the church? We look forward to what God has for us, through the gifts he has supplied us at Sharon.

Affiliation Vote

On April 7 and 14 Pastor Walter will bring messages on, “What are We Voting On”. His focus will be on helping us to understand our connection to MCUSA and the Ohio Conference, what is happening in each one, that when we come to the vote of affiliation, we can do so with better understanding. After his messages on the 7th and 14th, the Leadership Team will present the proposal of what will be voted on, during the service on Sunday April 21. We will then take a ballot vote two weeks later on May 5 during the morning worship service. There will need to be a 66% affirmation to carry the vote. Counting the ballots will be done that morning, and the result will be announced. This is a very serious and important time in the life of Sharon Church. Please approach this with much prayer, and fasting if you are led, before voicing your vote. We trust that everyone will be present for these special Sundays.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Edgewater Service
1st Sundays @1:30pm

Quilting & Crafting
Tuesdays @9:30am
4th Thursdays
@5:30pm

Bible Study
Wednesday's 6:00pm

**Women's Prayer
Breakfast**
2nd Saturdays @8am

**Food Pantry
Delivery**
3rd Saturdays @9am

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**
4th Saturdays @7am

Life Groups

Life Groups have been a part of Sharon for about two years now. Some Life Groups have flourished while others have struggled, even to some not surviving. A place for connection, fellowship, and encouragement for all that are a part of Sharon is important and Life Groups were established to be an avenue for this. On Sunday February 25, a survey sheet was handed out to better understand where each one is and how we can move forward with greater effectiveness. If you attend a Life Group or even if you do not attend a Life Group, we encourage you to put your thoughts down on this survey. What could we do to improve Life Groups and encourage more to be a part of them, and what Sharon could do better to serve your needs. Please have your survey sheets back in by Sunday March 10th or before. Thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts.

Sunday School Picnic

We have an Ad Hoc Team assembled to begin planning for our Sunday School picnic this year. The date for the picnic has not yet been finalized. Team members include our Worship team, Mark Whitmer and Dennis Graber, our Care and Hospitality team, Grace Sims and Diana Whitmer, along with Pastor Walter. Feel free to share your ideas and desires for our picnic with anyone on this Team. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Dear Sharon Mennonite Family,

Grace and I wish to take a moment to thank everyone who has been working so hard to prepare our church for the upcoming Ohio Conference ACA meeting on March 1-2, 2024. There were many tasks to be performed and we know people went above and beyond to accomplish all the big as well as the small things that made the church shine.

We also want to thank all the people that took on the tasks that are not as readily apparent, but accomplished the activities that make the weekend a success. From meal preparation to snacks and coffee, A/V, tables and chairs, worship music, toilet paper and towels, trash removal and clean-up. Each and every task, whether done in the seen or the unseen was done with the love of Jesus. For this we praise you and thank you.

Sincerely,

Ken & Grace Sims

Elders: Stephen Kopec, Brian Lichtie, Carole Schumacher, Mark Whitmer

Christian Education Team: Denise Beachy, Lead and Nancy Campbell, Assistant.

Care and Hospitality Team: Grace Sims, Lead and Diana Whitmer, Assistant.

Missions Team: Tina Miller, Lead and Bill Schumacher. Assistant.

Worship Team: Mark Whitmer, Lead and Dennis Graber, Assistant.

Youth Ministry Team: Jonathan Beachy, Lead and Amy Waldron, Assistant.

Treasurers: Carolyn Kopec, Lead and Beth Whitmer, Assistant.

Trustees: Ivan Wagler, Gary Hostetler, and Tony Miller