



# SHARON NEWSLETTER

May - June  
2026



John 17: 20-26

I normally put a short verse in, but I feel this one is worthy of the space it requires. Jesus is praying for us before his death and speaks of **unity**. It is so beautiful that every time I read it, I tear up.

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

This prayer is for us! You cannot get any better than that. Should you get a chance I would encourage the full prayer which is all of chapter 17.



## 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**

**Book Club**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:00pm**



### **Jr Sunday School Department**

Since Christmas, the children's Sunday School has focused on the life and teachings of Jesus, based on stories from the book of John in the New Testament. In addition to reading/hearing the Bible story from an illustrated student Bible story book, the students each find the reference and read the story directly from the Bible. We discuss the story, work on our memory verse, and have prayer time. We learn a new memory verse each month, with John 3:16 completed in the month of March. All students learned and were able to recite the verse.

Students also participate in a related craft and activity each Sunday. For Easter, our snack and craft was the tomb made from a donut and other edible items as illustrated below. Our most regular attenders are Calvin, Finnick, and Eliot Whitley and Avery May.

Marilyn Troyer and Nancy Campell, teachers

# MADISON CHORAL SINGERS



I don't know about you, but this brought me great joy listening to songs of praise and worship to our Lord. The Director, Ken Miller did a wonderful presentation of each song, and we even enjoyed a Latin song (Exsultate Deo) with translation in the program.

My favorite moment was when everyone in the sanctuary sang HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. We enjoyed a full hour of wonderful singers accompanied by a violin and piano. When the event was over the fellowship with visitors I had not seen for years made this evening even more special.

I want to give great thanks to Dennis Graber for encouraging us to participate in such a wonderful event. Dennis also participates in other groups, such as Pleasant Valley Voices and he has always invited us to ever one. I went to support Dennis, but it turned into so much more. Dennis sang for my spiritual enjoyment and my cup did overflow.

Thank You! Dennis

## Worship Planning Team

Dennis has found a website called [singhymns.net](http://singhymns.net) to help us all with the music. The website looks very promising, especially if a person does not have as much experience leading songs. The website provides high and low pitch levels of the same hymn. Another great benefit is that it has piano accompaniment. The AV tech team will be able to project the songs on our screen. This technology will also help with singing at Heritage Assisted Living on the first Sunday of the month.

We are also looking for volunteers to work in the sound booth. If interested, contact me, Grace Sims or Steve Kopec.

Thank you to all who agreed to be worship leaders and all have done a great job!

Grace Sims  
Worship Planning

It is not about how many voices are praising God on a Sunday morning it is about the Love in the voice that God hears praise.



## SEWING NEWS

The Tuesday ladies that sew have been very busy! Each Tuesday 10-15 ladies get together to hand stitch beautiful quilts that are donated to Mennonite relief sales. Their work is beautiful and precise. Many of you may not know that we also will custom quilt a quilt or item for hire as well. We have completed many quilts that people outside our church family have wanted completed-and our prices are reasonable. This is one way we help fund our mission work.

Our space is undergoing a major cleaning. We have added a room for cutting/ironing and storage to help organize the area. Babs does a terrific job at finding, sorting and preparing our projects for stitching. But it takes a lot of room. A heartfelt thanks to Kim Mayer for her generous donations of heavy duty storage racks and her tireless work in sorting and folding! Come visit and see how we are doing!

### Sewing Classes

Classes will continue though July. Currently we have two students-Twila and Jody) working individually on projects. This is a picture of Jody who is learning to sew (and enjoying it!)



It's not always the product that makes us smile but the fellowship that sews us together.

## Vision Statement

“Sharon Mennonite Church seeks to become a bridge connecting the community to the Good News of Jesus Christ”



By living out Our Mission to:

to Know

to Serve

to Worship

to Share

*Jesus Christ!*

Remember should you have any news to share, send to my email. [ckopec@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ckopec@columbus.rr.com)