



SHARON CONNECTION

July - August 2024

MARK 10:13-16 Then they

brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them. **“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.** And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them.

DNA Summer Camp

So many children look forward to a week of adventure, food, and fun. The weeks are June 24th thru 28th then July 8th thru 12th and July 15th thru 19th, should you be around any of those days, you may hear lots of laughter and shouting of joy. The smiles on these children’s faces will bring great joy to your heart and soul. In Matthew 18 Jesus tells us to become like children with humility and trusting with a very special love.

Be in prayer for DNA volunteers, workers and up to 120 children in the coming weeks. This takes a lot of work and energy to bring many events to these children that otherwise they would not be able to have. Our Church building has provided so much for the community and for us as members. God has blessed us with a rather large facility to be enjoyed and used for the kingdom of God and his children.

Youth Ministry Team Update

The MYF at Sharon have been busy this year. Through the school year we gathered once a week for a mixture of bible study and just catching up on the kids’ busy schedules and lives, almost always accompanied by pizza or snacks. Our focus as leaders has been creating a safe environment for the kids to share their hearts, and room to be curious about and become closer to God. Now that school is out, we are meeting less frequently. We still go to lunch once a month – the kids pick Shake Shack as often as possible. 😊

Last November we held a breakfast fundraiser in the foyer and were blown away by the generosity of the church, raising \$479.00! Thank you! In December we sorted and packed the gifts for the Christmas Basket Project, and separately held the annual Progressive Dinner, both of which were well attended. We even had a special visit from Santa 😊 The kids had a blast with a “favorite things” gift exchange! Thank you to Mark & Janice Bailey, Walter & Nancy Campbell, Becky May, and Dennis & Babs Graber for providing an excellent evening!

This February we packed Valentine goodie bags for many of our shut-ins and single folks. The kids took the lead on writing and decorating cards.

We hope to continue to meet and do fun activities throughout the Summer. Though the kids are all bummed that Work Camp isn't taking place, we're looking for ways to facilitate the kids serving in other ways this year, and hopeful for work camp to reemerge next year.

Thank you all for your encouragement, support, and your prayers!

Amy Waldron, Assistant Team Lead



MONTHLY EVENTS

Edgewater Service
1st Sundays @1:30pm

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

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

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

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

Facility Manager Person Needed at Sharon

What is a 'Facility Manager' at Sharon, you may ask? This is the person that opens up and closes down the building for each rental event here at Sharon. All the processing of reservations for rental events here at Sharon is taken care of by our 'Facility Coordinator', Amy Waldron. We are presently looking for someone to work along with Amy, called a **'Facility Manager'**, to be the person to open up and close down the building for each rental event. This position will involve some time and a flexible schedule. You will also be paid for your services rendered. **If you are interested in being the 'Facility Manager' for Sharon, please see Amy Waldron or someone on the Finance and Facility Team.** There is also a working job description available for you to look at.

Missions Month

Missions Month this year will be July 14 to August 4. **Danae King** will be here on July 14. She lives in Orrville Ohio and will be representing Mennonite Central Committee. **Jared Chase** will be here on July 21 and will be bringing word from Rosedale Mennonite Missions and his work there. On July 28, **Bill and Carole Schumacher** will bring an update on the Bangladesh Water Ministry. **Tamara Reed** from Daily Needs

Assistance will be here on August 4. She will be updating us on their projects and how Sharon can be of assistance to them.

Custodian Bids

Finance and Facilities have received 3 bids for cleaning the church presented to them Thursday June 20th. We are happy to say we accepted a bid from Irma Saldivar to clean Sharon Mennonite Church. This is a husband-and-wife team so please make them feel welcome should you see them cleaning during the week. The start date was Saturday June 29th.

I also want to make it known that our trustees have put a lot of time and work into getting these bids and walking each cleaning company through the building explaining what is needed. Many thanks to them for all the time and phone calls that were needed. We do have a list of the required cleaning areas needed for the church along with a one-year contract and a 3-month review stipulated in the contract. If you have any questions on this matter, please reach out to our trustees.

At any time should you have any concerns about the custodians and the cleaning they are doing, please reach out to the trustees so they can assess any matter and resolve it in a loving manner.

Trustees: Ivan Wagler, Gary Hostetler, Tony Miller

Sunday School Picnic

Our Sunday School Picnic will be on Sunday, August 18. This year we have invited DNA, Daily Needs Assistance, which operates from our building, to join us at our picnic and be a part. We have not only invited their staff to come, but also have asked them to invite the people and families that they serve to be here. We are looking forward to having a day of reaching out and blessing a multicultural attendance. The service will begin at 10:00, held outdoors, and we're hoping it will not only include singing and speaking in English, but also in Spanish. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs along with side dishes and desserts will be served. We also want to include some area outside with activities for the children. **Come to be blessed and to also be a blessing!**

Elders: Stephen Kopec, Brian Lichtle, 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.

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