

SHARON NEWSLETTER

September - October
2025

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Coming together as sisters in Christ is a beautiful experience. Those faces say it all.



Do you WANT to FEEL and KNOW you belong.....Secret Sisters are more than family, they are friends, trusted confidants, and steady sources of encouragement through every season of life and its challenges; a secret sister stands beside you with love and understanding. The Secret Sisters of Sharon Mennonite Church enjoyed an evening away at the Hamlet on Darby with food, creativity, meditating on God's word and lots of fun and fellowship. Our group will be meeting again in October for a dinner out, revealing of secret sisters, and selecting our sisters for the coming year. DO NOT MISS OUT on this spiritual connection, the smallest gesture can speak volumes. Secret Sisters remind us that family is not always by birth - it is also built through love and appreciation for God and each other. If you want to feel connected to the church family, please consider being part of our spiritual family of Secret Sisters. Please watch for the SS invitation in October, we would love to see you there. You can also contact Vickie 614-598-3306, to have your name added to the roster.

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

Der Dutchman

Men's Prayer Breakfast

4th Saturday @7:00am

Bible Study

Wednesday's 6:00 pm

Food Pantry Delivery

3rd Saturday @9:00am

Plain City Pantry

Journey Church

8:30 - 10:30 Saturdays

Setup Help 7:00 - 8:00 am

Cart Runners 8:30 -10:30 am

Breakfast 7:30 - 11:00 am

Clean up 10:00 - 11:00

ESL Classes at Sharon

6:00 - 8:30 pm Tuesdays

Senior Lunch (60+) Journey

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Wednesdays

To Volunteer:

www.dnapiaincity.org

Coordinator: Hannah

ESL Coordinator Erica

614-971-9133



BOOK CLUB – NANCY CAMPBELL

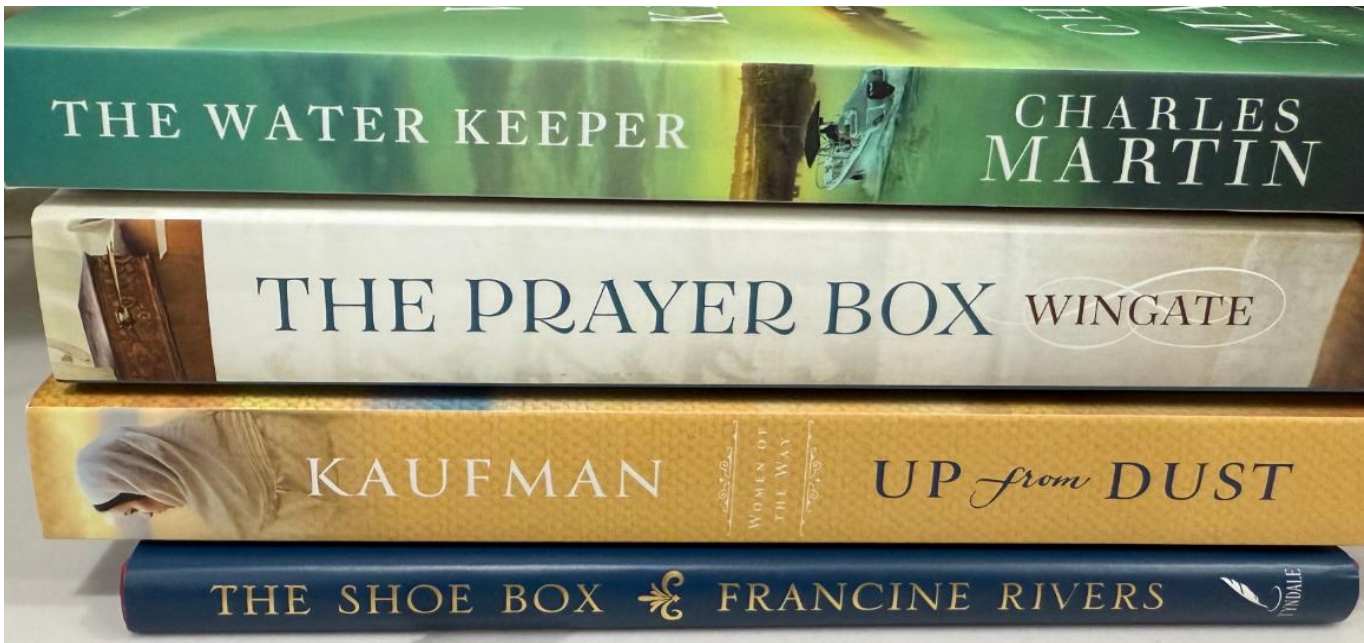
Book Club begins Sept 8@6pm! We are all excited to get started with reading some new books by familiar authors and a new one this fall. We always have room for more you to join our group! Here is the list of books for the fall:

September: The Water Keeper by Charles Martin

October: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

November: Up from the Dust: Martha's story by Heather Kaufman

December: The Shoebox by Francine Rivers



Columbarium Dedication and Details

We are pleased to announce that the columbarium has arrived and is now in place. This special addition to our church will enhance the Memorial Garden.

The dedication service will take place on Sunday, September 21 at 1:00 PM. Mark and Sue Kaufman will be present on this occasion to inter their parents, Alvin and Edna, and sister Lida.

Prior to the dedication, there will be a potluck meal designed to foster fellowship and gratitude as our church community gathers together. Everyone is encouraged to join for the worship service that morning, followed by the potluck meal and this meaningful dedication service.

Columbarium Niche Information

For those interested in purchasing a niche in the columbarium, the cost is \$1,318.00, which can hold two urns. To purchase or get more information, please contact Ken Sims or Tony Miller, our sexton.

Mission speakers to church.

In addition to special speakers for Mission Month in July, the missions team decided to have other speakers every other month that would provide more details or messages for other ministries. This is to provide a chance to hear about outreach beyond our church.

- Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp - January
- [She Dreams again](#) - March
- DNA - May
- MCC -August
- MDS - planned
- Gideons – planned

Assisting with Home Trailer Fire

A fire wiped out a home trailer at a trailer park outside of Plain City. Steve Kopec of the mission group-initiated action and recruited to clean up the site and provide some other assistance once the trailer was replaced. Many thanks to all who helped with this worthwhile project.

During the church picnic, there was a "housewarming" for the family that is being helped after their trailer fire) during our annual Sunday School picnic, on August 24th.

Assist with Food Pantry for DNA and Agora

Several pantries this year had trouble, for various reasons, obtaining enough food. The church responded to calls for food donations. A big thank you to all those who helped.

Assist with DNA School Drive

Requested school supplies, usually done on an annual basis. Thanks to all those who helped with this.

Sharon Table/Parade Trailer

- Wagon at Thresher Festival – in July, several of us had fun riding a Sharon Mennonite wagon through town in the Steam Threshers parade. We enjoyed throwing candies to the kids and waving to friends and other people lining up the streets. Several (Carolyn, Steve and Walter) also passed out information regarding Sharon. Thanks to Robert Hostetler and Tony Miller for helping with our farm transportation. Thanks to all others who rode the wagon and passed out information regarding Sharon.
- Farmer's Market - a table was put out sharing who we are at Sharon
- Christmas under the Clock – planning under way for December

Other activities related to missions

- *The church regularly supports a number of mission activities including:*
 - DNA
 - She Dreams Again
 - Yasir's ministry among refugees in Egypt
 - Mennonites partnering with SIM Bangladesh in the arsenic mitigation mission project
- *Sister Church*

Pursuing a possible sister church with the Mennonite Church in Ethiopia. It is home of the largest Mennonite group in the world - Meserete Kristos Church (MKC). A letter of intent was sent in July. We are awaiting their processing in the letter and hearing back from MKC.

Communication is a wonderful thing. You have a voice to tell a story or an event in the Newsletter please share so we can all be informed about what is happening in our community and in your life.

Contact Carolyn Kopec with any questions. ckopec@columbus.rr.com or text or call 614-873-1824.

Thank you!!