

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 13, 2020

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, February 9

The Bible calls God's people not only to reject the institution of slavery but to make restitution to those who have been harmed by slavery, until the former slave and former free person are truly equals in the family of God. This week, we will consider what that call means for us who are the inheritors of the terrible racialized slavery of the 16th through 19th centuries, using Deuteronomy 15:12-15 and the book of Philemon as our guides.

### This Sunday, February 16

We will finish our "Slavery and Freedom in the Bible" series by considering the "underground" slavery that exists in the modern world and how it is tied to our economic system. Isaiah 61:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 10:23-31 will be the primary texts to give us both guidance and hope in our world of slavery for how we can continue to pursue Biblical freedom.

### Next Sunday, February 23

Along with many other Mennonite churches in Indiana and Michigan, we will be participating in "Conference Sunday," where we take the time to think about our identity as a part of a larger network of churches and to pray for God's work throughout these two states. Several individuals who have been involved with conference in various capacities will share in lieu of a sermon.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent on the church calendar. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 26, and we will be having a service at Shalom at 7:00 pm that evening. Please consider joining us as we begin a sacred time of confession, reflection, and the promise of coming resurrection.

## Other Lenten Services

The Worship Commission is considering having either a Maundy Thursday service or a Good Friday service at Shalom during Holy Week (April 9 or 10). If you would be interested in planning a service for either evening, please talk to Grace Rhine, John Amstutz, or Emily Ludden.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship  
11:00am Sunday School

Mon, Feb 17 – ~~Hubbard & Cravens Cafe — 6229  
Carrollton Ave, Indianapolis, IN, 8-2~~

Thurs, Feb 20 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible study 7-8

Mon, Feb 24 - Southeast Starbucks again  
– 9605 E Washington St, 8a-2p

Wed, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday service, 7pm

Sun, March 1 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Mon, March 2 - Greenwood Panera - 789 US  
31N; 8am-2pm

Fri, March 6 - World Day of Prayer, 11 am

### Roving Office Cancellation

Roving Office on February 17 is canceled so that Brian can train a new nanny to provide childcare for our children. Pray that it will go well so that this will be the last time Brian has to cancel Roving Office!

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Looking for something to do on Sunday evening? How about something with a little bit of mystery? If so, please sign up for our annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event. Dinner will be March 1, 2020 at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheets are in your mailbox, please complete and return to Angie Buller by Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

### Class Cancellation

OlaJowon Turentine will be out of town this weekend for a family emergency, so the "Jesus-was he all that human really?" class is cancelled for this Sunday.

### Adult classes for March-May

1. Wilma Bailey will lead a study of 1 & 2 Kings, in the back of the sanctuary.

2. Carol Bither will lead a study of *The DNA of Relationships* by Gary Smalley, in the library.

### Sunday School Topics

Is there something you wish you could study or discuss during the Adult Ed hour? Have you read or learned something that you would like to share with the congregation? Discipling Commission is open to your suggestions year-round. Contact OlaJowon Turentine, Carol Bither, or Martha Yoder Maust, or put a note in our Discipling Commission mailbox. Thank you!

### Our Daily Bread

There are copies of the Spring edition of Our Daily Bread available by the mailboxes.  
-Mary Albrecht

## OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom  
Chair: Brad Yoder

### Sharing Space

We will continue to collect blankets through the month of February.

## ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems  
Chair: Laura Harms

### Elevator FIXED

The lift (elevator) is FIXED! Thank you, Sam Bixler, for making this one among many priorities.

### Flowers and Trees

After completing the 2020 budget, it came to the attention of the AC that additional grounds

expenses are going to be necessary. There are three large Oak trees that need pruning. We also became aware that Becky Wigginton is invested in carrying out weed control in the flower beds and that some 2019 funds were spent on materials for this purpose. AC would like to propose that the funds set aside for flower beds in the 2020 budget (\$2,680) be redirected to tree pruning. Please give feedback on the budget redirection to Sam, Tim, or Laura.

AC is also considering the removal of the large tree between the building and the playground under the recommendation of one of the tree companies that gave an estimate. We could trim it now for \$1,445.00 but we may need to remove it soon for an additional cost of \$5,399.00. To share your views on this decision, reach out to Becky, Mike or Laura.

<u>Pruning</u>	<u>Removal of 1; trimming of 2</u>
\$1445	\$5399
\$1239	\$1239
<u>\$1199</u>	<u>\$1199</u>
<b>\$3833</b>	<b>\$7837</b>

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