

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 28, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

### Last Sunday, March 24

Last Sunday Frank guided us through Luke 12:13-34. In showing compassion to others, Jesus still wants us each to have enough for our daily sustenance; and yet, when we become preoccupied with our tomorrows, we exemplify scarcity rather than God's abundance.

### This Sunday, March 31

In the sermon this Sunday, Sabrina will continue the theme of Jubilee found in Luke 14:1-24, primarily looking at verses 7-12. During Sabbath dinner at the home of one of the Pharisaic leaders, Jesus uses parables to teach deeper truths about table manners! Jesus' proclamation that the time of Jubilee has come (Lk 4:16-21) sets his followers free, both then and now, from entrenched social roles and hierarchies. This good news empowers us to live with joyful humility and hospitable hearts, understanding that each and every one of us has a "place of honor" in the Reign of God.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

Mon, Apr 1 – "Roving Office" 10:30am to 3:30pm, Panera, 789 US 31N, Greenwood

Thu, April 4 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

Sun, April 7 – Brian's Ordination Service, 2 pm

Mon, April 8 – "Roving Office" 10:30am to 3:30 pm – Della Leva Esp Bar, 8220 E 106th

Wed, April 10 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Sun, April 21 – Easter Breakfast 8am

Meals for Hochstetlers: To help with the twins' arrival, we would like to provide 4 wks of meals to the Hochstetler family. This is longer than we

usually help with (2x the new babies, 2x the meals!), so please consider providing a fresh or frozen meal for their family. They have requested for meals to start 2 wks after the babies arrive, as they will have help at home until then. Sign up at <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/PKEQ7313> OR at [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com) using last name "Hochstetler" and password "Shalom". Kristen Metzler-Wilson

Ordination Service for Brian: Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference has affirmed Brian Bither for ordination, and Dan Miller, the conference pastor, will come to Shalom to lead a special service in which Brian will be ordained as a minister in the Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 7 at 2pm. Everyone from Shalom is invited to come and participate in this service.

Brian's vacation: Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Monday, March 25 to Sunday, March 31. Please direct any pastoral care concerns to Pastors Frank and Sabrina during that time.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team is happy to announce that Tim Ludden has been affirmed to serve as a member of the Administration Commission. He joins Laura Harms, chair, and Sam Bixler, member, on the commission.

## PASTORAL TEAM SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are in conversation with prospects who are in the early stage of the application process for the 0.5 FTE position. Please continue to pray for discernment during this process. Pastoral Team Search Committee (Carol Bixler, Linda Kandel, Kristen Metzler-Wilson, Brad Sommer (Chair), & Herb Troyer)

## OUTREACH

### Relationships beyond Shalom

The Outreach Commission is pleased to announce the following Shalom Neighborhood Activities:

1. Easter Egg Hunt with Iglesias Amigos  
Saturday, April 20, 2:00 p.m.
2. Summer Thriving Thursdays, 5 to 7:00 p.m., June 20 & 27 and July 11, 18 & 25
3. Fall Festival, Sunday, September 15, 4 to 7:00 p.m.

More details to follow. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

### Giving Corner:

Thanks for all the pasta for Second Helpings! In April, *hygiene kits* for Mennonite Central Committee are for international distribution. The cloth bags are supplied for the hygiene kits.

#### **Contents (NEW items only)**

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors, approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in)

*I Support The Girls (ISTG)* has a local chapter. There is an article about it on the foyer bulletin board. Three items, in any quantities are requested: new bras, tampons and sanitary pads.

*The Family Promise* wish list for the Day Center is quite a bit longer. Any quantities accepted.

- Paper towels
- All surface cleaners in spray bottles (approx.. 32 oz)
- Umbrellas
- Male and female deodorant
- Disposable razors
- New twin
  - Paper towels,
  - All surface cleaners in spray bottles (approx. 32 oz.),
  - Umbrellas,
  - Male and female deodorant
- New twin blankets and pillows
- Paper cups \*8-12 oz), hot or cold beverages
- Plastic forks, knives and spoons (in order of preference)
- Paper plates and bowls

- Toilet paper (if you'll permit, we humbly request at least as many play as you have thumbs)
- Pull-ups (and other diapers) of all sizes
- Liquid hand soap (large refill bottles, not dispensers)
- 39-gallon black trash bags (with built-in ties)
- 13-gallon white trash bags (ties not needed)
- Regular laundry detergent (pods are preferred; we won't eat them)
- Dye-free laundry detergent (for parents with infants, usually labeled "free and clear")
- Coffee, dry creamer, sugar in pourable/sealable container

## ADMINISTRATION

### Congregational support systems

Minutes from Community Life Commission's March 19 meeting are on the website.

## MILEPOST #674

### **Not Just for Delegates & Pastors...**

"Forsake not the practice of gathering yourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). And we read in Acts chapter 2 how the early followers of Jesus frequently gathered for fellowship and worship: <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

In these days of digital electronic communication and our individualized, busy, self-sufficient lives, face to face, eye to eye, heart to heart presence with one another is a vanishing art form. As modern day Christians we are encouraged to gather weekly for worship and to join a small group where we can experience more intimate and personal sharing and fellowship.

In addition to these times of gathering within the congregational setting, occasionally we are asked to gather together with other congregations and the larger church. Acts 15 records such a gathering of the early followers of Jesus. Believers from Antioch got together with the mother group in Jerusalem, to listen for the voice of God in listening to each other. We have opportunity to do the same this summer in two such meetings:

First is **Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, Friday through Saturday, June 13-15**. This gathering, which was held in Indianapolis last year, will be held this year at Camp Amigo near Sturgis, Michigan. The Annual Meeting Planners write: This will be a time away to engage in our spiritual practices around Romans 12 and 1 Peter 3:15 and be encouraged through nature, workshops, and seminars from our denominational agencies and conference organizations.

There are more new things for Annual Sessions as we continue living into *Renewing a Vision*:

- Glen Guyton, Executive Director for Mennonite Church USA, preaching Thursday evening and sharing with delegates Friday morning
- A discounted registration cost for this year. Paid for out of some additional funds, the hope is to make this affordable for as many as possible.
- Children are free, up through high school, when they come along with parents. Yes, there will be activities!
- The spouse of a delegate is 50% off.
- A special celebration meal on Friday evening, with table cloths and servers
- 12 equipping seminars bringing new depth to our shared spiritual practices (descriptions attached)
- 3 seminars by Amigo Centre and many more opportunities to walk and rest in this setting
- Hear stories from our Michigan congregations

We pray that each of you will come to bend more toward Christ and to share the hope that is within you. (1 Peter 3:15)

Upon registration, attendees can choose three seminars/ workshops to attend during their time at Annual Sessions. The purpose of our Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference seminars is to resource and equip leaders and participants in IMMC for witness, formation, discernment, and leadership in their congregations, communities, the region, and the world God loves.

Secondly, **MCUSA's (Mennonite Church USA) Biennial Meeting July 2 – 6 (Tuesday – Saturday) at the Convention Center in Kansas City**: Worship speakers for MennoCon19 come from a variety of vocations and locations across Mennonite Church USA. Worship will be inter-generational, bringing together youth, junior youth and adults. The

Scripture for convention is John 20:19-23 where Jesus appears to the frightened disciples after he has risen from the dead. Each worship service will focus on a small part of this Scripture, beginning with "God invites us" and moving through to the final service with "God Sends Us." The Grand Ballroom provides an intimate worship setting, and Seth Crissman will lead the worship band.

<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

**Note: These assemblies of the gathered church are for everyone, not just delegates and pastors. Why not consider a vacation with the larger church this summer? Car-pooling and financial assistance are available. Check out the websites and contact Pastor Frank Kandel for details. [Kandel93@gmail.com](mailto:Kandel93@gmail.com)**

*Do you have some thoughts to share about this month's spiritual discipline? The Pastoral Team invites you to share your thoughts as one of the weekly milepost entries. Please email Sabrina, Frank, or Brian to explore this further.*

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