

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 5, 2020

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, March 1

On the first Sunday of Lent, we traditionally read the story about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness according to Matthew or Luke. This year, however, we looked at Mark's short version of the story in Mark 1:9-20, which reminds us of how wild Jesus is, and how he comes to shatter our assumptions and challenge us to take new steps of faith. Let us brace ourselves as we invite this untamed lion of Judah into our lives!

This Sunday, March 8

Wilma Bailey will be preaching on the subject of sin. The text is Genesis 4:1-7.

Next Sunday, March 15

We will be looking at healing stories - from Mark 6:1-6 and 9:14-29 - in which Jesus confronts a significant obstacle to his ministry: unbelief. For Christians in a modern era, these stories are confusing if not troubling. Can a person really choose what to believe and what not to believe, or does the mind do that on its own? If we can choose what to believe, shouldn't we always choose to believe whatever positions have the most evidence behind them? How can Jesus command us to believe him? Let us pray that God will give us a deeper understanding of the contours of truth, doubt, and faith.

Lenten Resources

During the 6 weeks of Lent, there will be a new, weekly Lenten meditation guide attached in each Journeying Together. These Lenten meditations will guide us to pray using scriptures and will focus on how Jesus brings light into the shadow places of our lives and our world. The meditations will challenge us to seek and to shine light, finding hope in desperate times. There will be many prayer options suggested and you will likely not use each one listed. The meditation guides encourage us to be open to different ways of praying and where it

can lead us. (see attached for Week Two, to start on Sunday, March 8th)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00am Sunday School

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

Mon, March 9 - Glendale Panera; 6055 N

Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN; 8a to 2

Wed, Mar. 11 – Morning Breakfast group, 7am

Sat, March 14 – Eastside Creation Care at

Shalom; 8:30-11am

Thurs, March 19 – Meal, 6:30; Bible study, 7-8

Mon, March 23 - Northwest Panera; 2902 W

86th St, Indianapolis, IN; 8a to 2

Wed, March 25 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Mon, March 30 - Southeast Starbucks; 9605 E

Washington St, Indianapolis, IN; 8a-2

Thurs, April 2 – Host Bethany Choir?? Concert??

Mon, Apr 6 – Holy Week, no Roving Office

Sun, April 12 – Easter Breakfast

Meals for Brenda

Brenda is returning home from the Rehab Center and could benefit from some help with meals for a couple weeks. If you are able to provide a meal, please sign up at

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MFAT4043&welcome=1>

Brenda welcomes visits but if it is more convenient to deliver your meal to Shalom on 3/8 or 3/15, Angie or Rose will deliver it for you. Thank you for your help.

(If the link doesn't work, go to:

<https://takethemameal.com> ; Last name:

Smith; Password: shalom)

Thank you, Rose

Small group signup

There is interest in starting another small group. The theme for the group has not been

decided yet but there is growing interest in new and old members who want to talk about starting a small group. Please let Herb Troyer know or a member of CLC. This would be Linda Kandel or Rose Love. You can even let Brian know and he will get the information to CLC. This can be done by email or in person.

Vision and Accountability Team (VAT)

Chair: Jeanne Smucker

In response to a conversation about how our stained glass windows subtly reinforce racial stereotypes, one church member has been applying film to some of the window panes in order to give the images of Jesus a darker hue of skin. The VAT has been informed about this and will host a brown bag lunch after church on March 29 to discuss the stained glass windows and what if anything should be done. All are invited to attend. If you would like to give input into the conversation but are not able to come to the brown bag lunch on that day, we encourage you to reach out to Jeanne Smucker and share your thoughts with her at jmrsmucker@outlook.com.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

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.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

East Side Creation Care

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - Shalom hosts the bi-monthly meeting of the Eastside Creation Care Network. A light breakfast is offered at 8:30 am before the 9:00 to 11:00 meeting. We will be celebrating our solar system with the group which has been so supportive of our clean energy project. Many creation care, legislative updates and peace and justice issues will be discussed. Join us!

ECCN Film Series

Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm - The first film of ECCN's Spring Series will be shown at Cumberland First Baptist Church, 116 S. Musing Street. "Love Thy Nature" is the film, reminding us of how much we've lost touch with nature and takes us on a journey to reconnect. It shows us how this connection is essential to our health and the health of the planet
Marilynn Teel
Outreach

Sharing Space

Contributions for Eirene's project benefiting Coburn Place can be brought to the Sharing Space for the next two Sundays. Any items that are not suitable or miss the deadline will be donated to the Julian Center at the end of the month.

From Eirene: "The goal of this project is to collect items on the wish list for Coburn Place, a center for people who come from situations of domestic violence, and deliver it to them."

- Linens (new, not used)
- Household items and furniture
- Personal Care Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baby Items (new crib sheets and blankets; other items can be used)
- Non-Perishable Food
- Gift Cards
- Full list available by the mailboxes

Amigo Centre retreat

We would like to call attention to our upcoming retreat based on Tim Lehman's book, "Hearing and Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew." We believe this book and subject are relevant in our current climate, and hope to have good dialogue about how we as followers of Jesus can make a difference in our world today. March 27-29 at Amigo Centre. Flyer posted in the foyer.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Building Fund donations for tree pruning

Since our tree pruning was not planned in our 2020 budget, the cost will need to come from the Building Fund. We will need to raise about \$5,000 towards this cost. Mike and Becky are continuing to evaluate the most cost-effective

way of taking care of this need. To donate, please write Building Fund on the memo line of your check.

Seeking Administration Asst.

Laura will be stepping back from Administrative duties and the Administration Commission is looking for a new paid Administrative Assistant to prepare communications and handle service contracts. If you are interested please let Tim, Sam, or Laura know. Job description forth coming.

Bethany HS Choir

The Bethany Christian High School Choir will stay at Shalom on Thursday, April 2. They can offer a concert that evening if there is interest. Please let Laura know if you would plan to attend a concert.

Pastor:

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Vision & Accountability Team: Jeanne Smucker,
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Wilson, Brian Bither

Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to
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