

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 31, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Oct 27

Eric Kurtz, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee, Great Lakes visited, offering reflections during worship and the adult Sunday School hour.

This Sunday, Nov 3

Brad Yoder will bring us the topic of "What is your Truth?" Scriptures for the sermon are Psalm 139: 1-12; and Luke 4:16-22, 19:41, 22:39-44.

Next Sunday, Nov 10

Cyneatha Millsaps, Executive Director of Mennonite Women USA, will preach. Cyneatha is a community activist and advocate on the needs of women and children in the areas of violence, education, and spiritual development. You can learn about Choosing Sisterhood, one of the initiatives Cyneatha leads in an attached flyer.

New Hymnal

VOICES Together, the newest Mennonite hymnal will be included in next year's budget. There is a financial incentive in making a decision early. If we purchase 120 pew editions, it would cost \$2878.80. There is a 7% discount for quantity, then, if paid in full by May 1, 2020, there is another 10% discount = \$2,409.73, a savings of almost \$470. We would also plan to purchase a large-print edition (\$43.99), and the accompaniment book (\$89.99). Also, for every case of the pew edition we purchase we can buy a Worship Leader edition for \$9.99 (instead of \$19.99). We feel this could be a useful resource and would like to purchase 3. The grand total for all of this is \$2,573.68 (plus shipping).

We want to point out that a Projection edition is available for projecting lyrics and/or music for \$499.99. Our recommendation at this time is to pass on purchasing the projection edition.

Direct any questions or comments to one of the Worship Commission members. More information can be found at <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/>

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

Sat, Nov 2 – All Church Retreat at Jameson Camp, 8:30am start

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

Sun, Nov 10 – Budget Committee Meeting, noon

Wed, Nov 13 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Fri, Nov 15 – Eastside Creation Care Film Night, 6pm

Sun, Nov 17 – Soup and Salad Carry-in, 12noon

Thurs, Nov 21 – Meal, 6:30; Bible study, 7-8

Sat, Nov 23 – Fall Work Day

Wed, Nov 27 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Thurs, Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Meal

Sun, Dec 8 – Congregational Budget Approval Meeting, 12noon

Sat, Dec 14 – Christmas Banquet

Church Retreat – THIS SATURDAY

The Community Life Commission is excited about our Shalom retreat on November 2 at Jameson Camp! Our theme is, 'It Takes a Village.' Because we are blessed with many children, it seems helpful to understand and nurture the little ones as well as support parents and SS teachers.

The attached document provides reflection questions that you can begin to think about now to be prepared for our conversations.

Gathering 8:30-9:00

Worship 9:00-9:15

First conversation 9:15-10:15

Second conversation 10:35- 11:35

Lunch 12:00

Afternoon free to hike, play games, visit, etc.

Looking forward to spending time together as a blessed community of believers.

-Linda Kandel

November 28 is Thanksgiving Day

In the past, those of us who don't have plans have shared the day at Shalom. We would like to do that again this year if there are enough people. If there aren't enough people to need to be at the church, Showalters would like to host it in their home. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the next couple of weeks or talk to Linda Showalter.

Ecuador Fundraiser Dinner

Join us for an Ecuador Fundraiser Dinner, November 16, 4:00pm at Shalom. Live Music and authentic Ecuadorian food!

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Chair: Jeanne Smucker

The Vision and Accountability Team (VAT) met to reorganize for the new year. Discussions were held regarding responsibilities, possible changes to the church structure, relationships between VAT members and commissions, and evaluation of commissions. [Minutes](#) have been uploaded to the website.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Family Promise

You have the opportunity to serve the homeless at First Mennonite Church on Tuesday, Nov 5th. Please sign up for tasks as identified on the sign-up sheet.

-Solomon Abebe

Windbourne Concert

Fairfield Friends Meeting in Camby, IN will host a concert by Windborne on Tuesday, Nov 5 at 7pm. Windborne is a quartet of singers currently performing a collection of music from working class movements for peoples' rights. Visit www.windbornesingers.com for more information about the group.

Eastside Creation Care

Saturday, Nov 9 is the next meeting at Cumberland Baptist Church. A light breakfast is available at 8:30 followed by the meeting, 9-11am. Cumberland Baptist will also host the ECCN fall film night on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7pm.

Northview Church of the Brethren Fair

"Another Way of Giving" Christmas Fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 16 from 10:30-2:00 pm at 5555 E. 46th St. The purpose is to offer ways to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by giving our guests the opportunity to purchase from or make donations to organizations which are dedicated to helping others. Live music. Lunch and baked goods available for purchase. See attached flyer.

Sharing Space

Thank you for all the completed infant care kits. We could use a few more sleepers to finish up the kits this week. In November, we want to collect caps and mittens. Extra food items are appreciated this month for Morning Star ministries.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Budget Committee Meeting

Commission Chairs (or appointees), Pastors, and the VAT Chair will gather to review the proposed budget on Sunday, Nov 9 at noon. A Congregational Budget Approval meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 at noon.

Minutes

The Vision and Accountability Team (VAT) minutes from [Sept 23, 2019](#) are on the website.

Facilities Projects Completed

A big THANK YOU to Jim, Sam, and Reuben who spent a day completing the listed projects. Frank sent along a photo!



- Aluminum cladding of deteriorated fascia boards on west gable, north gable, chancel window
- Topping of two dead/nearly dead cherry trees along the street (cut pieces available for anyone who wants them)
- Removal of several dead branches from trees overhanging the parking area and circle drive on the north side
- Removal of exterior telephone line, which was hanging quite low over the west side driveway
- Reset toilet in upstairs women's restroom to eliminate seepage around the base

Work Day – Nov 23

Save the date and set aside a few hours the morning of Nov. 23 to give our building and grounds volunteers some extra hands. More details to follow.

IMMC Prayer Memo

The following prayer requests were included in the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference November newsletter:

- As we consider faith-formation for our new crop of toddlers.
- As we adjust to our “post-transition” structure after a two-year trial and as we welcome Pastor Brian back from sabbatical.
- As we install and switch to solar-powered electrical generation.
- As we seek to discover Light and Hope in our neighborhood and as we seek to walk with those facing hardship-- physical, mental, financial, and social.

Visit <http://im.mennonite.net/> for additional prayer requests from other conference churches.

Executive Director Search, MMN

The Mennonite Mission Network is seeking an Executive Director. MMN, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, is commissioned to lead, mobilize, and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. The agency envisions all parts of the church being fully engaged in mission – across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world. Visit www.mennonitemission.net/about/employment for details. Resumes and applications can be sent to EDsearch4MMN@gmail.com with “Executive Director Inquiry” in the subject line.

Reflections On Pilgrimage

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Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to office@shalommennonite.com