

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

April 11, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Last Sunday, April 7

Our Conference Pastor, Dan Miller, came down to speak to us about answering for hope. He noted that the familiar “cold-call” style of confronting people about faith feels inconsistent for many of us with the way we want to live and respect people, and asked, how do we express our hope in authentic ways? Romans 12:1-2, 11-12; 1 Peter 3:15b

This Sunday, April 14

is Palm Sunday, the climactic moment in the gospel of Luke when Jesus finally brings the Jubilee movement to Jerusalem. In the first part of this sermon, focusing on Luke 19:37-48, we see Jesus liberate Jerusalem from the structural and spiritual forces that were keeping it in bondage. However, after a short period of celebration, we see the forces of evil take one last stab at Jesus and his movement, especially in Luke 22:1-6, 14-34. Join us as we joyfully celebrate Jesus’ victory and then somberly prepare for his betrayal this Sunday.

Next Sunday, April 21

is Easter, the day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Throughout our study of Luke, Jesus has been going from town to town and village to village proclaiming peace, and now, we will see how the resurrection of Christ “finishes the work” of Jubilee by establishing Jesus as both Lord and Christ. Luke 24:1-12 & 36-49 will be the central texts.

Nursery and Play Area Age Limits

We would like to suggest an age limit for the nursery of 0-3 years. To help our 4 and 5-year olds adjust, a child-friendly area is being set up at the back of the sanctuary. We do ask that parents oversee their children while in the area so that running and loud talking/noise is discouraged. If there are questions or comments, please

direct them to one of the Worship Commission members: Linda Showalter, Grace Rhine, Brittany Bither, Sabrina Falls

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

Mon, April 15 ‘ “Roving Office” 10:30am-3:30pm;
NW Panera; 6050 W. 86th St.

Thurs, Apr 18 – Meal – 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

Sat, Apr 20 – Easter Egg Hunt with Iglesia Amigos; 2pm

Sun, April 21 – Easter Breakfast 8:30am

Worship to start at 9:50;

no Sunday School

Mon, Apr 22 – No Roving Office

Wed, Apr 24 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Fri, Apr 26 – Eastside Creation Care Movie Night – “Dirt! The Movie” 7-9pm

Mon, Apr 29 – Roving Office 10:30am-3:30pm
Southeast, location TBD

Thu, May 2 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

Sun, May 5 – Carry-in meal following SS

Wed, May 8 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Easter Breakfast

We invite your participation in our Easter breakfast by signing up for and bringing either a breakfast casserole, fresh fruit or fruit salads, and/or some variety of breakfast breads. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the foyer. Breakfast will start at 8:30, so please have the food at the church and ready to serve by then. Thanks – the Kitchen Committee.

Pre-service Singing on Easter

Please join us in the sanctuary for pre-service singing of Easter hymns after our breakfast next Sunday. Singing will begin at 9:50 am, followed by our worship service.

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Structure Evaluation

Shalom's organization/structure has been serving us for about a year and a half and it's time for a performance review. The VAT (Vision & Accountability Team, our governing body) has asked Sam Bixler and Cheryl Martin to conduct this evaluation. They will meet with the VAT, the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, the Pastoral Team, and each of the commissions to learn how the structure is working in those settings. Then the congregation will be surveyed to provide individual input – how well is our structure working for you? When all the information has been gathered, it will be shared in aggregate with the VAT and with the congregation in a group meeting. Proposals for tweaks or major changes may be proposed, depending on results of the feedback from the evaluation. No time has been set for the congregational meeting, but it should take place soon after the survey is completed.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) is pleased to share that OlaJowon Turentine has accepted the nomination for member of the Discipling Commission. Those continuing on the commission are Martha Yoder (chair), Jay Brubaker, and Brian Bither (Pastoral Team Representative). Please send affirmation or concerns regarding OlaJowon to Joyce Troyer (troyers_hj@hotmail.com) or respond to this email by April 14.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

Adult Ed for April

April 14 – Jeanne Smucker will lead our annual child safety training
April 21 – Easter – no Sunday School
April 28 – Earth Day conversation

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 starting at 2pm
A new, joint Shalom/Amigos event is in the works. Plans include an Easter Bunny, Bounce house, face painting, hot dogs, and, of course, an egg hunt with lots of candy! Our neighbors will be invited. Iglesia Amigos will have a number of volunteers on hand. Shalom members are invited to be a part of the prep work or to volunteer the day of the event. Contact Frank Kandel to volunteer or ask questions.

Solar Panels

The Outreach Commission is once again in the process of securing several proposals for the installation of Solar Panels at Shalom. Once secured, these will be presented to the VAT (Vision and Accountability Team) for further consideration.
Frank Kandel, Pastor for Outreach

Giving Corner/Sharing Space:

Now located across from the mailboxes as you enter the classrooms hallway. 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. An article about ISTG can be found on the foyer bulletin board. Three items, in any quantities are requested:

- new bras
- tampons
- 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

Conference Sessions and Convention

This summer, our conference will be holding its Annual Sessions at the Amigo Centre in Sturgis, MI from June 13-15, and then Mennonite Church USA will be holding its biannual Convention in Kansas City from July 2-6. Registrations for both events are now open. You can find the IMMC registration [here](#) and the MCUSA registration [here](#).

Journey: Missional Leadership Development Program

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called

without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for Fall 2019 is July 16 with the final registration deadline on August 6. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey or contact your pastor or Dan Miller at dan@im.mennonite.net or at 574-534-4006

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The Week of the Young Child

With the recent birth of Elise Marie and Kara Jeanne I have been reflecting on all of the children recently coming to populate the classrooms of our church.

Jesus said,

"Let the little children come unto me for such is the reign of God"

Matthew 19:14

This week, as a nation, we celebrate the **Week of the Young Child™** which focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Recent advances in neuroscience drive home what we already knew--that the first five years of a child's life are the most important in terms of physical, social, cognitive, and emotional development. And what the young child hears and expresses (verbally and nonverbally) are, equally, of critical importance. The old adage "a child is to be seen and not heard," no longer applies. I remember my Mom telling me that as a little girl she was scared of her Grandpa. She remembers him being rather gruff, and sitting in a rocker with a big white tobacco stained beard. I hope that's not my legacy!

And of course, what Jesus said above about children, only follows what he learned from deep roots in his Jewish heritage: ⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I

give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up (Deuteronomy 6).

I have heard some of you say, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Let's be that village for those in the classroom for **and** those on the playground.
Frank Kandel, Pastor for Outreach

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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