

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 25, 2018

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

### Last Sunday:

Last week we were privileged to have Les Gustafson-Zook, the Constituent Relations Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee (Great Lakes) bring the message.

### This Sunday:

This Sunday Pastor Brian Bither will bring the message, focused on simplicity using the Phillipians 4:4-20 text.

### Ash Wednesday:

We will be hosting an Ash Wednesday service here at Shalom on February 14 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We have invited First Mennonite to join us in co-leading the service and observing this holy day, which happens to fall on Valentine's Day. All are welcome to attend.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

### Thank You:

Thank you for all your expressions of condolences in the death of our grandson/nephew, Gabriel Bucher. It means so much to have support in our time of grief. - Florence Bucher, Carol Bixler

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship  
11 am Sunday School

Feb. 1: 6:30pm Meal/Bible Study  
Feb. 4: Fellowship Meal  
Feb. 14 7am Morning Breakfast Group  
Feb. 14 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service  
Feb. 15: 6:30pm Meal/Bible Study

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

### What's your favorite Bible verse?

This past Sunday the youth class looked at the Biblical story and how certain verses hold particular meaning for us.

There is a top 25 list of favorite Bible verses that people continually refer to as their favorites. So the class listed their favorites: Colossians 3:28; Philippians 4:13; Isaiah 55:5 and Matthew 18:20. Look up these verses and imagine how they hold special meaning. One of my favorite verses is Ephesians 2:19. You likely have your own special verse that gives you inspiration and hope. If you wish, share your favorite verse in the next couple of weeks so we can all enjoy the expanse and goodness of the God's word to us. Abri will be happy to include those verses in the Journey Newsletter. - Mil Penner

### Milepost #313: **New Commissions**

Recently the church commissioned representatives of each of the five commissions. A "commission" is defined as a formal warrant granting the power to perform duties. In granting this power to the five Commissions, we not only give them permission to manage the work of the church in their particular arena, but we also entrust them to see that it gets done. Entrust means "to commit to another with confidence." That means we do not have to micromanage them.

What are the five Commissions? First comes **Worship**. We worship God because, in our hearts, we believe that God is worthy of our reverence and praise. We come before God on bended knee with thanksgiving in our hearts for the mercy we receive. Second comes **Community Life**. We are able to love each other because God first loved us. We are asked to be kind and love everyone, but

especially those “of the household of faith.” We have a special responsibility to take care of each other. Third come **Outreach**. When our hearts are full of gratitude toward God, and when we feel loved and cared for by the “community of faith,” the overflow of God’s love naturally ripples out beyond the church, as when a pebble is thrown into a pond. As it says, “his mouth speaks from the overflow of his heart.” Next comes **Discipling**. While the Scripture says “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it,” we also know that even though many of us are no longer children, we all need ongoing training, for we are a “work in progress.” Finally comes **Administration**. Administration supports and undergirds the rest. We need building, grounds, communication, and administrative support and all this takes money.

While we do not need to micromanage the work of these five commissions, we do need to pray for them in our heart of hearts and we do need to work for them as we each utilize our God given spiritual gifts.

- Frank Kandel

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