

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 4, 2018

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

### Last Sunday, September 30:

We faced the reality that the church - in addition to being a divine community is a human institution, and that one of the needs that we face as an institution is for people to volunteer to do the work that keeps the church running. But how should we recruit those volunteers? What responsibility do each of us have to volunteer? And what does all of this have to do with spiritual gifts? Pastor Brian wrestled with these questions in a sermon that looks to both the "already" and the "not yet" dimensions of God's new social order.

### This Sunday, October 7:

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Gemina Trochez Castellanos will be preaching a sermon entitled, "The immense love that God has for you" based on John 3:16.

### Next Sunday, October 14:

Pastoral candidate Wilma Cender will be bringing the message.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

### House warming open house for the Sanders:

Come and see Julie, Donald, and Liam's new house. No presents needed. Come and go as you will like; it's an open house!

Saturday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-8pm

10916 Trailwood Drive  
Fishers, IN 46038

## Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

Oct 4 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Oct 10 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Oct 13 – Memorial Service for Florence Bucher, 3:30pm

Oct 14 – Wilma Cender visits; Potluck after church

Oct 18 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Oct 19 – Worship Commission meeting, 10am @ Showalter's

Oct 20 – Sexual Assault Awareness Training @ Shalom, 9:30-11:30am

Oct 21 – CropWalk

Oct 24 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Oct 27 – Baby shower for Shenks in Muncie

Oct 30 – Family Promise

Nov 3 – Church Retreat @ Jameson Camp

Nov 17 – Fall Clean-Up, 8-12

### Transportation Needed:

We are looking for several volunteers who would transport the Hernandez family to and from church. They live near Ben Davis HS. (Shalom currently blesses 2 regular attendees with transportation!) Penners and Wiggintons will continue but are not available every Sunday. Thanks for your consideration of assistance!

-Linda Kandel

### Shower for Baby Shenk:

Anne and Phil Shenk will have a baby shower on Saturday, October 27 at Morning Star Church, the Mennonite Church in Muncie, where they live. More information will be forthcoming as details are worked out.

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

### Sunday School Schedule:

Starting Sept 9, there will be two adult classes:

--Jeanne and Wilma will lead a discussion of the Pathways study guide, part of Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward process. The study guide is available at:

[http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Pathways\\_Study\\_Guide\\_Final.pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Pathways_Study_Guide_Final.pdf)

This class will meet in the adult classroom downstairs.

--Kim will facilitate a sermon discussion class at the back of the sanctuary.

### Women's Retreat:

Women and girls third grade and up are invited to attend the Indiana-Michigan retreat October 12-14 at Amigo Centre. More information at

<http://www.amigocentre.org/in-mi-mennonite-womens-fall-retreat.html> or talk to Barbara Longoria, Brenda Smith, or Martha Yoder Maust. We usually carpool to save on fuel and have fun chatting along the way.

### Men's Retreat:

What does it mean to be a man? We witness toxic masculinity—men being invulnerable, acting tough, abusing power and dominating others. In this retreat, **Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man** at Camp Friedenswald October 12-14, men and boys we will see how masculinity means something much more and better. Based on who we are as beloved sons of God, we will reconsider the marks of good men and explore our part in building God's peace. The retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men. Men may come alone, with a friend, or bring a son, grandson, nephew or mentee. For more information, see the [retreat flyer](#) at [mennonitemen.org/joinmen](http://mennonitemen.org/joinmen).

## OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

### Family Promise:

Yes, Family Promise, a program for the homeless, is just around the corner. You will have an opportunity to serve in one of the tasks which are listed on the signup sheet on the landing. We don't know how many we are serving, however, Shalom has agreed Tuesday, October 30, 2018 to be our day to assist FMC. Please be prayerful and reflect on how you can help!

Thank you!

-Solomon Abebe

### Opportunity to Support Peace:

This year the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service is currently determining the fate of Selective Service (Draft) Registration and they need to hear from people of conscience and faith. Currently there is no option to register as a conscientious objector. If the Commission fails to endorse ending Registration, they must ask Congress to allow people to register as conscientious objectors. As people of peace we should and can submit written comments through the Commission's website ([inspire2serve.gov](http://inspire2serve.gov)) or via email including the subject line "Docket 05-2018-01" to [national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil) For further questions or information contact Mil Penner.

### Crop Walk:

Continue to consider participating in Crop Walk, Oct. 21, either as a donor or a walker. Right now I have given out 6 walker envelopes; we had 10 walkers last year. The envelopes will continue to be available through Oct. 14.

Thanks, Mary Albrecht

### Giving Corner:

In October our project is Infant Care Kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

### **Contents (NEW items only, sizes 3-12 months)**

- 3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
- 3 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves)
- 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 30 in x 30 in, larger sizes preferred)
- 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins
- 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 cap

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Congregational support systems

### Pastoral Candidate:

The VAT, Pastoral Team Search Committee, and Brian Bither have met with and will be inviting Wilma Cender, on October 14th, to Shalom so that the congregation can consider her for the 0.5 FTE pastoral position.

Wilma will be bringing the Sunday morning sermon; during the SS hour she will share her faith journey with us. We will then have a noon potluck meal followed by a time of conversation with Wilma where we will encourage questions and discussions with Wilma on a more informal basis.

Then on Oct 21st we will ask for a congregational vote whether to extend an offer to Wilma for the position.

Please remember to continue to lift up this process in prayer as we collectively discern God's continued Vision & Mission here at Shalom.

### **Milepost #549 – Reflections**

Four months ago, I wrote “I was amazed recently at how quickly the barren frostiness of winter becomes transformed into the lush greenery of spring. It took only a few

weeks for stark empty trees around our house to become a lovely canopy of green.”

And now, I am amazed that everything is still green, knowing full well that a month from now the green leaves will be gone and the barren frostiness of winter will once again be upon us.

I have been reflecting on what transpired over the summer months, specifically Thriving Thursdays and Fall Festival.

A total of 32 different adults helped out with Thriving Thursdays—27 from Shalom, 2 from Northview Church of the Brethren, 1 from FMC, and 2 former Shalomites—Rachel Maust/Urquizo Zarate and Phil Shenk. We averaged 15 kids at our 5 sessions—mostly from the neighborhood but some from the church too. The adult to child ratio was quite good and you could tell.

And then, on September 16, some 50 days after our last Thriving Thursday, we invited the kids back for Fall Festival and told them to bring their families and their neighbors. We exceeded our expected turnout of 60, with robust participation from both neighborhood and church.

Along with help from a number of you, including Marilyn Teel, CoraLyn Turentine, Carol Bixler, and Brian Bither, I got used to walking the streets around Shalom, inviting neighbors to participate. I hope to do it again for our Christmas Banquet.

Thank you for sharing!

-Pastor Frank Kandel

*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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