

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 21, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Nov 17

"Who is Wisdom?" a sermon based on Proverbs 8. At the recent IN-MI Mennonite Women's Retreat at Amigo Centre, Sabrina offered four presentations on the theme, "She is a Tree of Life." "She" is Wisdom, and Her presence in both the First (Old) and Second (New) Testaments is more prominent than many of us have been taught. In this introduction to Wisdom, she considered the significance of a balanced spirituality in which we experience and speak of God with both feminine and masculine images and terms.

This Sunday, Nov 24

Shalom welcomes back Pastor Brian Bither from his sabbatical. Brian will be sharing about his sabbatical and preaching from Isaiah 57:15-19 about transformation and healing in a sermon entitled, "Transforming the Struggle."

Next Sunday, Dec 1

Brian will preach on the first Sunday in Advent. We will be reading Matthew 24-1-14, 36-44 and renewing our hope is in Christ as Brian preaches, "It will all be thrown down".

No Sunday School on December 1 due to the holiday weekend.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00am Sunday School

Sat, Nov 23 – Fall Work Day, 9am

Tues, Nov 26 – Roving Office at Northwest Panera – 6050 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN; 8am-2pm

Wed, Nov 27 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Thurs, Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Meal, 1pm

Mon, Dec 2 – Roving Office at Greenwood

Panera, 789 US Hwy 31 N; from 8am – 2pm

Thurs, Dec 5 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study, 7-8

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

Mon, Dec 9 – Roving Office at Della Leva

Espresso Bar, 8220 E 106th

Wed, Dec 11 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Sat, Dec 14 – Christmas Banquet

Mon, Dec 16 – Roving Office at Southeast

Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St

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

Meals for Martinez Family

A meal schedule has been set up for Laura and Noe and family due to Roselle's arrival. They would like to start our meals on Friday, tomorrow! To sign up, visit <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=TPLX7416> or go to www.takethemameal.com and search using last name Martinez and password Shalom. Thank you! – Kristen Metzler-Wilson

Laura, Noe, Mia, and Meli are very happy to announce the safe and health arrival of Roselle Marie Martinez. Born Friday at 12:24 pm, weighing 7lbs 10oz.



Meals for Emily and Tim

Emily and Tim would welcome meal assistance due to Emily's injury. To sign up, visit <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=JKQE4182> or go to takethemameal.com and search using last name Ludden and password Shalom. Thank you! - Kristen Metzler-Wilson

Roving Office Hours

Brian is back, and so is the Roving Office! - at least until the week of Christmas. Feel free to stop by at any of the locations listed on the calendar during the times that he is there if you want to chat.

Natasha Diener Update

Please see the attached letter from Natasha. She will be visiting the US in December and hopes to visit Shalom.

November 28 is Thanksgiving Day

There will be a Thanksgiving Day meal in the church's fellowship hall for anyone who is in town without plans. A sign-up sheet is on the back sanctuary window for you to indicate the number of people coming, as well as what food you would like to bring to share. Turkey will be provided. We'll plan to eat at 1 pm. If you have questions, see Linda Showalter.

Announcement from Chris and Nizeet



Dear Shalom Family, Shalom has been in our hearts throughout our relationship. We would like to share with you the good news that we recently became engaged. We humbly ask for your continued support and prayers as we prepare for our marriage.

We would also like to ask you to join us in prayer for Nizeet's mom's visa process. Her interview at the US embassy is November 27th. This is the final step, and if all goes well, she will be able to travel to the US once again. Blessings,
Chris and Nizeet

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

Adult Schedule

11/24 Brian will share about his sabbatical
12/1 Thanksgiving weekend, no SS

December adult education sessions will focus on vulnerable children, remembering that Jesus was born in a place that was dangerous for children.

12/8 Olajawon and Coralyn Turentine will share about foster parenting

12/15 Jeanne will share about being a child advocate

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom
Chair: Brad Yoder

Sharing Space

Relief kits are the focus for the Sharing Space in December. Contents (NEW items only):

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29in x 60in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (min 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, min 28 pads total)

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems
Chair: Laura Harms

Fall Work Day – Nov 23

9am-11am to rake leaves, prune trees, and do general deep cleaning. Did I mention coffee and donuts? Some tasks may take longer than 2 hours and a noon meal will be provided for those that can stay.

Administrative Role Changes

On November 18th Laura Harms started a new job which will change and reduce her

availability as Administrative Assistant at Shalom. Since February, she has been employed in that capacity by Shalom working approximately 10 hours per week.

The Administrative Commission, meeting on November 14th, decided to ask Laura to continue in the Administrative Assistant position with the understanding that some of her responsibilities will be reduced. First of all, she will no longer be asked to be present at the church to run off the bulletins or to meet with contractors. These responsibilities are being passed off to others. Secondly, rather than being available to respond to church communications on a daily basis, she will mostly do that in time blocks on Thursdays and Fridays. Please be reminded that Newsletter items and bulletin items are due by noon on Thursday (except worship plans which are due by 5:00 pm Thursday). Please continue to submit these items to Laura at office@shalommennonite.com

Over the next several months, in light of Laura's new job, we will mutually monitor and evaluate the feasibility of continuing this arrangement.

-Frank Kandel, Pastor for the Administrative Commission

Reflections On Pilgrimage

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