

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 19, 2018

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Last Sunday, July 15:

Brian continued to preach on the Lord's Prayer by giving special attention to the line, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

This Sunday, July 22:

Wilma Bailey will deliver a message entitled, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" based on Luke 11:1-4.

Next Sunday, July 29:

Pastor Brian will deliver the next message in his series about the Lord's Prayer.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Calendar

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

July 19: Thriving Thursday
July 26: Thriving Thursday
July 29: 5th Sunday Hymn Sing (ready for HWB #378)
August 2: Meal, 6:30pm, Bible Study, 7-8pm
August 5: Potluck (nothing in the oven)
August 8: Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am
August 16: Meal, 6:30pm, Bible Study, 7-8pm
August 22: Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Gemina Trochez Update:

GOD IS GOOD! We are excited to share the news that Gemina was released from the Eloy Detention Center last night into the care of Pastor Tina Schlabach, our partner and friend from Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, AZ. Gemina will be staying with Tina for the

next few days and then traveling to Indianapolis, where she will be reunited with Melanie, Jackie, and Lorraine. What an answer to prayer! We give thanks first and foremost to God for hearing and responding to our cry, and second to all of the people who have been involved in advocating for her - especially from this congregation. Gemina is going to stay in Tucson for the next few days, and then she will arrive in Indianapolis next week. God willing, everyone will have a chance to meet her on Sunday, July 29, if not earlier!

Sanders Family Moving:

Julie and Donald Sanders are moving Saturday, July 21. They need help loading, unloading, and setting things up at their new house. If you are able to help around 9:00 am that morning, please come to their current apartment (6274 Brookline Dr. Indianapolis, 46220). They will also need assistance to unload and set up in their new house at 10916 Trailwood Dr., Fishers, 46038 later in the morning and early afternoon. Please tell Herb Troyer (troyers_hj@hotmail.com or 317-407-6340) if you'll be coming. Lunch will be served at their new house on Trailwood Drive at 12:00 noon.

Upcoming Nature Hikes:

On Friday, July 27, I will be leading a 2 or 5 mile (your choice) nature hike at Prophetstown State Park (fee) in West Lafayette, Indiana at 8:30 a.m. The large flat prairie in the park should be in bloom. Meet at the visitor center's parking lot. Bring a hat or umbrella, sunscreen, bug spray and water.

On Saturday, August 4, I will be leading a 3-4 mile hike at Sodalis Nature Park (7700 South CR 975 East) in Hendricks County starting at 9 a.m. Bring a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and

water. You might want to stay for a lecture by a park naturalist on "Wicked and Ugly Plants."

On Saturday, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m., I will lead a 3-4 mile hike at Mounds State Park (fee) in Anderson, Indiana. Meet at the nature center. Bring a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and water.

-Wilma Bailey

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

July Sunday School Schedule:

For the month of July, Sunday School will continue to be one inter-generational class for everyone over the age of 2. The schedule for the month is below.

July		
7/22	School Kits	Carol Bixler
7/29	Prayer walk	Marilynn Teel

Sunday School on July 22:

All ages are invited to join in watching a video of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) work related to school kits. Various activities in assembling kits will be geared to all abilities. We will end with a connection to our discipline for the month, prayer. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the work of MCC. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Giving Corner:

We are doing School Kits for June and July. Florence is sewing the bags and we will fill the bags together on July 22. Feel free to contribute quantities of individual items or whole kits. Please note the content additions from previous years.

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- ~~1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)~~
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Note: There are plenty of rulers for the school kits. Please continue to donate other supplies for the July 22 "stuffing party".

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Commission Information:

Don't forget that you can find the minutes from recent commission meetings on the Members Page of the church website. Go to "Commission Minutes and Resources" to find documents from each commission. Minutes for VAT and Worship meetings have recently been added.

Interim Bylaws:

Do you wonder what each Commission is responsible for? Do you need a quick refresher on our new Church structure? We have a document that is serving as our guidelines posted on the Members Page - Church Policy section of the website entitled '2018 Interim Bylaws' that you might find helpful.

Blessings,

Vision and Accountability Team (VAT)

Thoughts on this month's discipline:

Praying by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

*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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