

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 15, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Last Sunday, February 10:

We continued our "Proclaiming Jubilee" sermon series by looking at Luke 6:20-49 not simply as a sermon that Jesus preached that contained moral lessons but instead as a part of Jesus' strategic plan to call forth a people who would join him in proclaiming and establishing Jubilee around the world. The central principle of this movement would be generosity: just as God is generous with us in Jubilee, so does God call upon us to be materially and spiritually generous with our neighbors..

This Sunday, February 17:

Wilma Bailey will deliver the sermon. In recognition of Black History Month, the sermon will examine bias and stereotyping in a Biblical story and what we might learn from it. Biblical text: Genesis 12:10-20.

Next Sunday, February 24:

Brian will preach from Luke 8:26-39 on the subject of "political demons."

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

Feb 18 – 10:30am to 3:30pm – "Roving Office"

Pastor Brian will be available for walk-in chats at the Greenwood Panera (789 US 31 N, Greenwood, IN)

Feb 21 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

Feb 25 – No Roving Office hours

Feb 26 – Family Promise at First Menno

Feb 27 – Morning Breakfast Group 7am

March 3 – Carry-In meal after Sunday School

Mar 4 – "Roving Office" 10:30am to 3:30pm –
Del Liva coffee shop in Fishers (8220
E 106th St, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN)

March 7 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

March 9 – Eastside Creation Care; 8:30am

March 11 – "Roving Office" 10:30am to
3:30pm - Panera on the northwest side
of Indy (6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis,
IN)

March 13 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

March 18 – "Roving Office" 10:30am to
3:30pm - McDonald's on the southeast
side of Indy (7822 Brookville Rd,
Indianapolis, IN)

March 24 – Guess Who's Coming for Dinner

March 25 - No Roving Office Hours

March 27 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Office Hours for Brian:

The "roving office" model that Brian has implemented for the past month has been well received, and so Brian will continue to travel to cafes and restaurants on the Mondays when he is available. His roving office schedule for February and March is now posted on the church calendar, which you can find at [this link](#) to see when he will be near your part of town. This Monday (2/18), he will be at the Greenwood Panera by US 31 and Fry Road from 10:30am to 3:30pm.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Family Promise (IHN)

FMC is hosting another round of Family Promise the week of Feb 24. Shalom is assisting by hosting Family Promise on Tuesday, Feb 26. You have the opportunity to serve, please sign up to help.

Giving Corner:

Some blankets have already been taken to Wheeler Mission. We will continue to collect comforters and blankets through February.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Invitation to complete Survey:

Please complete your survey by Sunday, Feb 17.

Milepost #668

One of the joys of being a Mennonite is learning our special recipe for Alphabet Soup. It seems that every church denomination has its own recipe. The ingredients for ours include MCC, MC-USA, MDS, MVS, MMN, and more. For those of us who are newer to the Mennonite fold, it can be a challenge not only to know what the letters stand for but also what they actually mean! Perhaps in future mileposts we will examine each one of them. For now let's focus on MMN: Mennonite Mission Network.

Mennonite Mission Network is, as its name suggests, the mission agency of Mennonite Church-USA (a/k/a MC-USA!). Based in Elkhart, IN, MMN equips churches for ministries of service, reconciliation, and evangelism all over the world. Their resources include their own alphabet soup of opportunities: MDI (Missional Discipleship Initiative), MVS (Mennonite Volunteer Service), PJSN (Peace and Justice Support Network), DOOR, SOOP, and more. Many youth and adults from Shalom have participated and served in these programs.

A substantial amount of our Shalom budget goes to support MMN, including our missionaries Peter and Delicia Wigginton-Bravo in Ecuador. And just a couple of Sundays ago we sent all of our donations from Pizzas for Peace to the PJSN (see above!). This September, on Peace Sunday, Jason Boone, the Minister of Peace and Justice from PJSN will visit and share with us during worship and Sunday School.

Last weekend I had the delightful opportunity to meet over coffee with Karla Minter, the MMN Church Relations Representative, and learned so much more than I had ever known about all that MMN exists for. She is particularly excited about their church planting initiatives to spread the Mennonite message among what she believes are increasing numbers of people interested in our understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She also expressed joy about the nurturing support we have given to the Mara church and our hospitality to the Iglesia Amigos.

Once we know the recipe, we can appreciate so much more the complexity of spices and seasonings and fresh ingredients--and, mostly, love--that goes into making our Alphabet Soup. Let's all take some time to learn and taste it!

If you want to know more about MMN, you can check out their website at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/> or speak to one of us on the pastoral team.

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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