

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 16, 2020

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Jan 12

In her sermon "Who is Wisdom" (11/17/19) Sabrina taught about the female figure of Divine Wisdom in the Bible ("Hakhmah" in the First Testament, "Sophia" in the Second). As Wisdom, God teaches us, is available and accessible to us, seeks intimacy and relationship with us, loves us fiercely and mercifully, and calls us to share Her passion for justice. Wisdom pre-existed creation and actively participated in the process of creation. Last Sunday we heard from Wisdom Herself!

This Sunday, Jan 19

The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is sending one of their seminary students, Henok Mekonin, to preach at our church. Henok is from Nazareth, Oromiya, Ethiopia, and is a Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Meserete Kristos College in Bishoftu, Ethiopia, in 2016 and is currently serving as Ethiopia Assistant for AMBS's MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism program. He is interested in exploring a ministry of administration and leadership. We look forward to having him, his wife, Misgana Eshete (who is also an MA: Theology and Peace Studies student at AMBS), and their daughter join us on Sunday, and to hearing what God has to say to us through Henok.

Next Sunday, January 26

Next week, Brian will begin a four-part sermon series on "Slavery and Freedom in the Bible," with Galatians 3:23-4:7 as a focus of the first message.

IN-MI Connections for Special Worship

On February 23rd, during our morning worship, we will celebrate Shalom's connection to the

larger community of faith at the Indiana-Michigan Conference. We are inviting individuals who would like to share a blessing or personal testimony or experience that has positively impacted them as it relates to being part of the IN-MI conference. Have you been a delegate or had a leadership role with IN-MI conference? Maybe you have a story of a wonderful summer/ winter camp experience? How about a special time at a women's or men's retreat? Was there a meaningful fellowship connection made through a meeting of the IN-MI conference? If so, we invite you to share it with the congregation! Please contact Grace Rhine, Emily Fox or John Amstutz to let them know you'd be willing to share during the Sunday morning worship service on February 23rd.

Visuals Volunteer Needed

Worship Commission is in need of help to create the visual displays on the front sanctuary table (in front of the pulpit). Helpers are needed now through the end of March. Although displays are often coordinated with the Sunday's theme, this isn't required! Flower arrangements (dried, silk or fresh) are always appreciated. The Worship Commission has a closet full of items (cloths, candles, and other meaningful symbols) at your disposal if you wish to use them. If you are able to create a visual display or share an arrangement during this time frame, please contact Grace Rhine, Emily Fox or John Amstutz.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

~~Mon, Jan 20 — Roving Office, Fishers~~

~~— Della Leva 8220 E 106th, 8a-2pm~~

Wed, Jan 22 — Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

~~Mon, Jan 27 – Roving Office, Greenwood
Panera, 789 US 31N; 8am-2pm~~

Sun, Feb 2 – Soup, Salad, and Bread Carry-In meal, noon

Mon, Feb 3 – Office hours at Shalom, 8-2

Mon, Feb 10 - Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268, 8a to 2p Please note that this is a different panera than I normally do on the NW, one that is farther east?

Mon, Feb 17 – Hubbard & Cravens Cafe – 6229 Carrollton Ave, Indianapolis, IN, 8-2

Mon, Feb 24 - Southeast Starbucks again – 9605 E Washington St, 8a-2p

Mon, March 2 - Greenwood Panera - 789 US 31N; 8am-2pm

Notes on Roving Office

Roving Office on 1/20 and 1/27 Possibly Canceled: With apologies to the congregation, I have to *tentatively* cancel the Roving Office on 1/20 and 1/27. The truth is that Brittany and I have a hard time securing childcare for our children. The nanny that we just hired at the end of 2019 quit unexpectedly to pursue another job opportunity, which means that I have to cover childcare on the days that Brittany works unless/until we can find something else out. We do have a person who is able to provide temporary childcare on *some* Mondays, but we don't find out whether they will be available until the day before. So, keep your eye out for an email from the Shalom office on 1/19 or 1/26 that says Roving Office has been reinstated, with more details attached. Unless you see that email, don't plan on meeting me there. I am sorry for the inconvenience.

Wedding of Nizeet and Chris

On Saturday, February 22, Shalom will host the wedding of Nizeet Aguilar and Chris Deiter. In order to support them, we are in need of volunteers from the church who would be willing to help decorate the church and set up chairs and tables before their wedding, provide help with parking and musical accompaniment during the ceremony, help with food preparation for the reception, and help clean up the church so that it will be ready for church by Sunday. They are especially in need of a pianist, whether you are one or know someone who might be willing to serve in this role. If you are willing to share your gifts in any of those ways, please email them at deiteraguilar@gmail.com.

Ada Martin

Some of you will remember Ada Martin who lived here in Indianapolis and attended Shalom a number of years ago. Ada often shared her love of flowers with front table arrangements for us. Ada moved to Phoenix a number of years ago to be near her daughter. We received word today that Ada had passed away at age 94, on Dec. 29, 2019.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Connections come together on Sunday

This Sunday, Shalom will be benefiting from two of the Mennonite agencies we support through our offerings every Sunday-
- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, and Meserete Kristos College in Oromiya, Ethiopia. It is exciting to see how these two organizations work together to prepare global leadership for doing God's work around the Earth, and that we at Shalom can join with them as partners each week!

Sharing Space

The emphasis in January is on blankets - both new and gently used are acceptable.

MCC's Comforter Celebration

Mennonite Central Committee is encouraging people to make comforters on Jan 18. Please let Carol Bixler know if you want supplies to knot a comforter at home or want to work with others at church next Saturday morning. There are three completed comforters needing to be hemmed, as well.

SENT 2020 Conference

This Peace Church conference is for church planters and anyone else interested in seeding the kingdom presence in every context of America. Save the date – April 24-26 in Philadelphia, PA. More details to follow.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Elevator out of service

The lift (elevator) is out of service until further notice. Twenty year-old guide blocks are broken and need to be replaced. The problem was just

discovered today (Thursday 1/16) during the annual inspection, so no word yet on when parts will be available.

IN-MI Appeal Letter attached.

Commission Chairs Meeting

Minutes from the Jan 7 meeting have been uploaded to the website.

Debit Card Found

A debit card was found in the church parking lot last Sunday. If you have lost a debit card or know someone who has, please email Pastor Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com or talk to him on Sunday.

Reflections On Pilgrimage

We are pilgrims, traveling together to the Holy. This space is a way to be companions to one another on this pilgrimage. This space is here for anyone among us to share a reflection, a prayer, a question, a challenge, a poem, even a graphic or artwork. It's an opportunity to communicate something we might not feel comfortable speaking aloud but would like to express with the community of faith. In this space we can reach out with messages from the Holy Spirit or offer a gift of holy creativity. If you want to contribute but are still feeling shy about it, it's OK to remain anonymous. Another option is to send in a quote or poem or short devotional or graphic that you read or saw--sharing with the rest of us the blessing that special tidbit of insight or wisdom. Thank you!

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