

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 13, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Last Sunday, June 9

Pastor Gladys, co-pastor at the Morning Star Church in Muncie, Indiana, brought the message. Morning Star is a Mennonite congregation that dedicates much of its energy to its community service and food pantry ministry. Gladys preached on John 2:1-11.

This Sunday, June 16

For six weeks we have been riding the ups and downs of Prophet Micah's relationship with the Southern Kingdom of Judah – "will we survive or will we not?" Don't miss this week's hopeful vision of where things will end up as we explore the climax in chapter 4 verses 1-8.

Next Sunday, June 23

Next Sunday we will finish our sermon series on Micah as we study Micah 6-7. Here, we get a glimpse into the heart of God, who is exasperated over the conflict between ensuring justice and showing mercy to Judah. It is in light of this tension that we are called to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God."

CHURCH STRUCTURE EVALUATION

Cheryl Martin and Sam Bixler

Please remember the survey regarding the new church structure that was placed in your mailbox. There are instructions on the first page of the survey. Please complete the survey and return it as indicated in the instructions. If we do not receive a response from you, we will be contacting you. If you have any questions, please contact either Sam Bixler or Cheryl Martin.

Calendar

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

Mon, June 17 – Roving Office, Greenwood
Panera, 789 U.S. 31N

Thu, June 20 – Thriving Thursdays, 5-7pm

Mon, June 24 – Roving Office, Fishers
Della Leva, 8220 E. 106th St.

Tues, June 25 – Family Promise, 5pm

Wed, June 26 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Thu, June 27 – Thriving Thursdays, 5-7pm

Sun, June 30 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at
Showalter's, 6-8pm

Thursday Evening Meal and Bible Study will be taking a break over summer and will not plan to meet. Participants are encouraged to take part in Thriving Thursdays during this break.

Pastoral Care and Visitation Team

The Pastoral Team is forming a Pastoral Care and Visitation Team to help with these ministries during Brian's sabbatical. On Sunday, July 7, at noon, we will fill our plates at the carry-in and take our meal to the Adult Sunday School room. We will have a session for some brief training on pastoral care approaches and to discuss how we will coordinate this ministry among ourselves and stay connected for support, accountability, and congregational needs. Although several among us have offered to participate in this ministry, others of you who sense a leading of the Spirit to serve in this way are invited to join us. If so, or for more information, please contact Sabrina.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Homemade Cookies and Volunteers are needed for Morning Star's June 22 Summer Outreach Picnic in Muncie. If you would like to help, please notify Frank Kandel at kandel93@gmail.com or 309-532-2859

Iglesia Amigos has been sharing the Shalom Church Building now for approaching six months. We will be getting together with them soon to evaluate how the shared relationship is working out. If you have thoughts or observations about how this sharing relationship could be improved, please notify a member of the Administrative Commission. Ad Commission includes Laura Harms, Sam Bixler, Tim Ludden, and Frank Kandel

Volunteers with Society of St. Andrews (SoSA) will be picking fresh produce from an east-side community garden to deliver to Indy food pantries. You can join in on Mondays 4-6pm. Register and get more details at www.endhunger.org/Register. Or email Ann Radke in-glean@endhunger.org.

Thriving Thursdays are back!

Pray for Neighborhood Kids & Volunteers--
Thriving Thursdays begins this week

Volunteers needed on Thursdays from 5-7pm. June 20 & 27 and July 11, 18 & 25. Let Frank know when and where you can help. [Kandel93@gmail.com](mailto:kandel93@gmail.com) or 309-532-2859.

Family Promise

Shalom members can support families experiencing homelessness by volunteering on Tuesday, June 25 during the week that First Mennonite Church hosts the Family Promise families. Contact Solomon for more information.

Sharing Space

The Julian Center is the focus for our Sharing Space in June.

- Office equipment/supplies
- School supplies
- Books
- Artwork
- Services (building repairs, landscaping, etc)
- Cell phones
- Clothing, toys, household goods, and furniture

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Minutes from the June 11 Administration Commission meeting have been posted to the Shalom website.

Indiana-Michigan Annual Sessions

Worship services are free to attend

- Thursday, June 13 at 2:30 and 7pm;
- Friday, June 14 at 8:20am and 7pm;
- Saturday, June 15 at 10:30am.

Friday evening's sit-down dinner is also open to anyone who contacts the Conference office to reserve a seat. There will be no cost for the meal as it has been sponsored by Everence. We are excited to announce that there will be English to Spanish simultaneous translation available. For more information visit

<https://im.mennonite.net>

MennoCon19

There is still time to register for MennoCon19! Come for a couple days or the whole time. Get more info and register at

convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration

I will be attending the Mennonite Church U.S.A.'s Convention in Kansas City (July 3-6) as the representative from Shalom. The assembly this year will not be resolution driven. Some changes to the bylaws are being proposed, the most exciting and important one being to allow for youth delegates. If the resolution passes, each congregation will be permitted to send one youth delegate (16-21 years of age) in addition to an adult delegate to MCUSA Conventions, each Conference may send two youth delegates and each racial/ethnic group may send two youth delegates in addition to the adult delegates. If you have an opinion about the addition of youth delegates, do let me know. Unless there is a wellspring of opposition in Shalom, I plan to vote in favor of this bylaw change.

The information that is sent to delegates is available for anyone to read on the website: mennoniteusa.org/resource/delegate-resources. There you will find the daily schedule, reports from the church agencies and lists of persons being nominated to serve in church positions.

From the website- "In 2019 we will focus on equipping our church leaders for mission while

we discuss major issues of policy and discern next steps for the national conference.” In addition, Tom Yoder Neufeld will lead a Bible study each day on the book of Ephesians.

Anyone can attend the Convention. You do not have to be a delegate. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience worship with hundreds and thousands of others, to discover agencies and institutions that serve MCUSA, to learn new skills and gain new knowledge in workshops and seminars, to network with others who share your interests and to fellowship with new and old friends.

Wilma Bailey

MILEPOST #684

Last Sunday, as we celebrated Pentecost with the fiery words of Pastor Gladys, with the sparkling candles of the visual, and with the children chasing the rising bubbles of glory, We were blest and uplifted. How good it is that we have not been left as orphans for Jesus said, ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” (John 14)

Gladys reminded us that when the wine ran out at the wedding celebration in Cana, the host need worry only because he didn’t know who was in the room with him. Only Mary knew for she had “pondered these things in her heart.” Mary knew the need and also knew Who was in the room with them. So she nudged Jesus into inaugurating the mission to which He had been called.

Do we know who is in the room with us? Do we feel like orphans? Do we need to be nudged to Obey and go ahead and fill those empty jars with water? (John 2)

Pastor Frank Kandel

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