

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 9, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, May 5

We began a new sermon series on the book of Micah, which will continue throughout the months of May and June. Brian preached the first sermon in the series on Micah 1:1-12 by introducing us to the genre of Biblical prophecy and encouraging us to make space for prophets to speak in our institutions and in our hearts.

This Sunday, May 12

We will jump ahead to Micah 7:1-10, where we hear the prophet speak in his own voice and reflect on the deep corruption that Israel was experiencing at the time. We'll reflect on the interrelationship between corruption, distrust, and violence, and look to Micah as an example as one who trusts in God for vindication, even when the system is broken.

Next Sunday, May 19

We will study Micah 2:1-11, where we will encounter some of Micah's most substantive criticisms of the powerful and privileged. Micah's comments about the abuse of power and exploitation are very relevant to us today. They force us to consider whether we are using religion as a means of reassuring us that we are ok or challenging us to live according to the way of God.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

Mon, May 13 – Roving Office, Greenwood
10:30-3:30; Panera 789 US 31 N

Thurs, May 16 – Meal 6:30; Bible Study 7-8

Sat, May 18 – Spring Work Day, 9am

Mon, May 20 – Roving Office, Fishers

10:30-3:30; Della Leva Espresso Bar

8220 E 106th St. Suite 200

Wed, May 22 – Breakfast Group, 7am

Sun, June 2 – Carry-in meal after SS

Mon, June 3 – Roving Office, SE

Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St

Thu, June 6 – Meal 6:30; Bible study 7-8

Mon, June 10 – Roving Office NW

Panera, 6050 W 86th

Wed, June 12 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

June 13-15 – IN-MI Annual Sessions at Amigo

PASTORAL TEAM SEARCH COMMITTEE (PTSC)

Chair: Brad Sommer

There are individuals who have expressed interest in the 0.5 FTE pastoral team position and who are currently working with conference to complete the MLI (Ministerial Leadership Information) form, which formalizes an application. Once this step is completed, conversation specific to the position and discussion with the PTSC can continue. Please continue to pray for discernment for all involved.

- PTSC (Carol Bixler, Linda Kandel, Kristen Metzler-Wilson, Brad Sommer (Chair) & Herb Troyer)

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder



Shalom T-shirts, similar to ones we've had in the past, are available as a welcoming gift to newcomers who have become regular attenders in the last 2 years. Others may

purchase one for \$6.50. If you would like a shirt, please see Daniel Bowden in the

Fellowship Hall between church and Sunday School.

Frank Kandel for the Outreach Commission

Sharing Space:

Thank you for the extra nail clippers. We will continue to collect items for the hygiene kits through the end of April.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Spring Work Day

May 18, 9am

Bring rakes, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, shovels, outdoor brooms, gloves and buckets. There will be lots of mulch to move into the playground and the flower beds. A small group will work on the trench that was dug in February. Weeding, litter pick-up, and trimming invasives are additional tasks. Coffee and donuts/muffins will be provided. No lunch is planned unless completion of a task requires more time than anticipated.

Minutes

Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) minutes have been uploaded to the Member's page of the Shalom website.

MILEPOST #679

Ten Years Later

Ten years ago, when I was finishing up my seminary degree at age 60, I was wondering if I would find a job pastoring. I made several inquiries in the Indianapolis area with no success. Then I got a call from Dagne. He was going to take a five month sabbatical, and he and the elders wondered if I would fill in for him while he was gone? Of course, I jumped at the opportunity. I would be expected to preach twice a month and he would line up the other preachers for the time he would be gone.

Thank you Dagne!

Yesterday, ten years later, Brad Sommer, VAT Chair, met with the Pastoral Team to discuss details of how we will cover pastoral duties while Brian is gone on sabbatical and paternity leave July through November--another

opportunity for an old man, now age 70. Brian is working hard to make sure there is a preacher in the pulpit for each Sunday he is gone. And yet preaching is only one part of what Brian does. During Brian's sabbatical, **all of us—clergy and lay people alike**—will need to take a step up, to keep the machinery of our Fellowship operating smoothly—**we don't want to see any downturn** in our Worship, in our Community Life, in our Discipling, in our Outreach & Welcoming of newcomers, or in our Administration! In fact, as our lay leader Brad Sommer told us yesterday, it is often during times of strain and duress that God's Spirit works in new and surprising ways! Maranatha! Frank Kandel

SHALOM CLASSIFIEDS

Lawn Mower Available

If anyone knows of someone who could use an old, basic, but very functional, very reliable, (and free) gas-powered push mower, please contact Kim or Krystal Johnson.

Do you have some thoughts to share? 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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