

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 30, 2020

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, January 26

Brian began a four-part series on Slavery and Freedom in the Bible, with Exodus 1:1-14 and Galatians 4:1-7 as the introductory texts.

This Sunday, February 2

We will continue our study of "Slavery and Freedom in the Bible" by looking at some key texts that have been cited by abolitionists and the defenders of slavery and examining them closely to try to get a better understanding of what Paul and the other New Testament leaders were really trying to say to those who were enslaved. This may be a difficult topic for some of us, so pray that the Spirit will guide our *corporate* discernment and do what you need to do for self-care. We'll be looking at Colossians 2:8-15; Ephesians 6:5-11; and Acts 16:16-2.

Next Sunday, February 9

We will spend some time studying the racialized slavery of the modern era and consider how Christian abolitionists used several Biblical texts - such as Exodus 21:16 and the book of Philemon - to call for the end of slavery, and we will consider how we should respond to slavery's legacy today.

Worship resources for Black History month

February is Black History month, and Brian will spend some time celebrating black abolitionist Christians in his sermon on 2/9. If you have a short poem, reading, or work of art that you would like to share during that worship service along the theme of black history, please talk to Brian or email him at

brian@shalommennonite.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00am Sunday School

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

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

Thurs, Feb 6 – World Day of Prayer planning meeting, 10am

Thurs, Feb 6 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible study 7-8

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.

Wed, Feb 12 – Morning Breakfast group, 7am

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

Thurs, Feb 20 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible study 7-8

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

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

Fri, March 6 - World Day of Prayer, 11 am

Update on Chuck

Chuck Dunn is to be released from the hospital today following knee surgery. Please pray for his comfort and recovery.

-Linda Kandel, Community Life Commission

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

Sunday School Teachers needed

There are openings for Sunday school teachers in the 2 year old class and elementary age. There is not currently a regular youth class. Contact Carol Bixler if you have any

questions or cannot access the sign up on the Shalom website.

Child Safety Training

If you were not able to attend our annual child safety training on January 5, you may access the training online.

There are 3 parts:

1. The training videos are at www.safechurch.com, see the attachment for username and password details. There is a video about children and one about youth.
2. Read our policy on the members' page of our website. Look on the [Discipling Commission Page](#).
3. In that document is a page called "Memorandum of Understanding" that should be printed off and signed. Don't have access to a printer? There are usually copies by the mailboxes, or church staff would be glad to print a copy for you.

Any questions? Ask Jeanne Smucker, Brian Bither, or Martha Yoder Maust.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom
Chair: Brad Yoder

Family Promise

You have the opportunity to serve the homeless at FMC through Family Promise scheduled on Tuesday, Feb 11, 2020. You can pencil in your name on the signup sheet placed by the back door. Please prayerfully consider serving.

Sharing Space

We will continue to collect blankets through the month of February.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC, A worldwide Ministry of Anabaptist churches, sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. As MCC turns 100, all four regions in the US are planning centennial events. The centennial events in Great Lakes Region are as follows and supporters are invited to attend any of the events in Indiana.

July 25, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Swords to Plowshares Children's Musical
(adapted from Lisa Weaver's book)

College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana
A Russian boy and art teacher turn bullets into a medallion to thank early MCCers.

July 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

MCC Great Lakes Centennial Celebration
Picnic Goshen College (lawn outside Recreation-Fitness) in Goshen, Indiana
Potluck picnic supper, music from local group, sharing MCC memories, ice cream.

July 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

MCC Great Lakes Centennial Service of Celebration
Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana
Thanksgiving to God for 100 years with stories from MCC's global history.
-Zenebe --- on behalf of Outreach Commission

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems
Chair: Laura Harms

Elevator out of service

The lift (elevator) is out of service until further notice. Work is being carried out to get it operational as soon as possible.

VAT Minutes

VAT minutes from [January 20, 2020](#) have been uploaded.

CLC Minutes

Community Life Commission met on [Jan 21](#) and their minutes have been uploaded.

Reflections on Pilgrimage

Hi to all of you at Shalom.

I (Daniel) have decided to write this in case any of you are curious or concerned about where I have been. I have been going to a house church for the last five weeks. There are a few reasons for this. Primarily, I had been desiring what I experienced in small group and I have found it difficult to converse with people after church. I have made some progress with my social skills and comfort level but not knowing when/how to join a conversation and some other conversational skills are still weak areas for me and make it difficult to form more than acquaintance level relationships with others in the congregation. I am not sure how I will learn these skills but I suspect that more experience conversing in the ways that I know how is

helping. Thank you for those of you that initiated conversations with me, making things less awkward for me, I didn't and don't take that for granted.

The house church model seems to work very well for me, at least the one I am going to. There are many different kinds of house churches and the one I go to emphasizes Bible study and discussion, I am very happy with it so far. Small group and Bible discussion is probably favorite thing at Shalom and I think my experiences with these things at Shalom showed me how edifying and enjoyable it can be and increased my comfort level enough that it is comfortable for me and that these interactions are now somewhat awkward instead of cripplingly awkward! :)

I am thankful for all the help that I have given at Shalom by those of you who have given me rides or offered me help or welcomed me in other ways.

-Daniel Bowden

P.S. I only have two more practice hours left before I can take my driving test and get my license! Please pray for all the other drivers on the road! (Kidding! But it wouldn't hurt...)

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Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to
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