

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 9, 2020

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, Jan 5

We celebrated Epiphany and reflected on what it means to say that Christ is our light, drawing from Isaiah 60:1-6 and other texts.

### This 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. This Sunday we will hear from Wisdom Herself!

### Next 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 Nazreth, 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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

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

Mon, Jan 13 – Roving Office, Southeast Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St, 8a-2p  
Thurs, Jan 16 – Meal, 6:30; Bible Study, 7-8pm  
Mon, Jan 20 – Roving Office, Fishers Della Leva 8220 E 106<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 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](mailto:deiteraguilar@gmail.com).

### Mennonite Arts Weekend

The highly regarded Mennonite Arts Weekend will be held February 7-9 at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5950 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45213. This year some of the all-time favorites will be returning. Here are a few of the notables: DaCapo Chamer Choir, Sandra Birdsell, Dennis Maust, Evie Yoder Miller, Kat Luginbuhl, Marilyn Houser Hamm and many others. Which arts will be featured?

Ceramics, jewelry, writing, hammered dulcimer, poetry, acting, piano. It's a wonderfully warm weekend with people you will love.

<https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/>

-Dan Hess

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

### Classes for Jan - Feb 2020

1. "Beyond the Grave" Sunday School Class, January 12 to February 23 - In Philippians 1:21, Paul famously stated: "For me, to live in Christ and to die is gain." This statement captures a universal Christian belief: that Christ offers us life after death. However, beyond this basic affirmation, there is widespread disagreement among Christians about what the afterlife will be like, who will get in, what will happen when Christ returns, and how much we can really know about these matters. If you have questions about these subjects and/or you are prepared to have an honest discussion with others at Shalom about what we believe and why, please consider taking this Scripture-focused class that will be led by Pastor Brian. Meets in the sanctuary.
2. "Discovering your Spiritual Gifts." Spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to every believer for the common good of the church. Don't know what your spiritual gifts are? Please join us to find out! Meeting January 12 through February 23, in this class we'll share our stories and use tools to help discern our God-given spiritual gifts, personal style, passions, and callings. Teacher: Joyce Troyer. Meets in the library.
3. The Sunday school class facilitated by OlaJowon Turrentine will be about Jesus. Was he all that human really? How important is the answer to that question? We will explore the words and actions of the God who became human too, for our sake. Meets on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

## OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom  
Chair: Brad Yoder

### Eastside Creation Care

January 11, 2020 Eastside Creation Care Network bi-monthly meeting at Our Lady of

Lourdes Catholic Church in Irvington, 9:00 - 11:00 am. A light breakfast is available from 8:30 am.

## 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

### 2019 Financial Report

You can find Shalom's 2019 Financial Report at [this link](#).

The [2020 budget](#) has also been uploaded.

### Congregational Meeting Minutes

The January 5 Congregational Meeting minutes can be [found here](#).

## 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](mailto: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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