

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 28, 2019

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Nov 24

Shalom welcomed back Pastor Brian Bither from his sabbatical. Brian shared about his sabbatical, preaching from Isaiah 57:15-19 about transformation and healing in a sermon entitled, "Transforming the Struggle."

This Sunday, Dec 1

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, during which we anticipate the coming of Christ. We will be reading from Matthew 24, in which Jesus promises that the Son of Man will return in power and glory at the end of the age. We'll consider how this seemingly otherworldly prediction can actually help ground us in the midst of social and political turmoil in our time.

No Sunday School on December 1 due to the holiday weekend.

Next Sunday, Dec 8

Next Sunday (12/8), on the second Sunday of Advent, we will be reading Isaiah 11:1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12, which both describe the same future reality from radically different perspectives. This forces us to consider what we are really saying when we pray for peace and justice on earth.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

Mon, Dec 2 – Roving Office at Greenwood
Panera, 789 US Hwy 31 N; from 8am – 2pm

Thurs, Dec 5 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study, 7-8

Sun, Dec 8 – Congregational Budget Approval Meeting, 12noon

Mon, Dec 9 – Roving Office at Della Leva
Espresso Bar, 8220 E 106th

Wed, Dec 11 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Sat, Dec 14 – Christmas Banquet

Mon, Dec 16 – Roving Office at Southeast
Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St

Thurs, Dec 19 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible study, 7-8

Save the Date for Future Retreats

We have retreat dates reserved at Jameson Center for 2020---Oct. 3 and for 2021----Oct.2. Hope everyone can put it on their calendars.

Meals

Thanks to all who signed up to provide meals. The schedules are full!

Roving Office Hours

Brian is back, and so is the Roving Office! - at least until the week of Christmas. Feel free to stop by at any of the locations listed on the calendar during the times that he is there if you want to chat. Apologies for the date confusion last week – Roving Office will be on Mondays.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

Adult Schedule

12/1 Thanksgiving weekend, no SS

December adult education sessions will focus on vulnerable children, remembering that Jesus was born in a place that was dangerous for children.

12/8 Olajawon and Coralyn Turentine will share about foster parenting

12/15 Jeanne will share about being a child advocate

Devotionals available

Please find 10 copies of Dec-Jan-Feb. "Our Daily Bread" down on the mailboxes.

Help yourself!!

Mary Albrecht

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom
Chair: Brad Yoder

Wigginton Bravo Updates

The Ecuador Fundraiser Dinner generated over \$2000 in funds! Please see the attached newsletter for more details and to purchase a T-shirt.

Sharing Space

Relief kits are the focus for the Sharing Space in December. Contents (NEW items only):

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29in x 60in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8in)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (min 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, min 28 pads total)

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Fall Work Day – Nov 23

Many hands (about 36) were on deck on Saturday and helped with raking, toy cleaning, brush removal, and more. Thanks to all who joined in!

Minutes

Community Life Commission met on Nov. 19 and the minutes from their meeting can be reached [at this link](#).

Reflections On Pilgrimage

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