

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 24, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Oct 20

Frank preached from Genesis 25:20-28 and Romans 11: 25-36. In the push and pull of life, we want to “grab” to get ahead, but God shows preference to invite the outside in.

This Sunday, Oct 27

Adam Graber Roth, Donor Relations Associate of Mennonite Central Committee, Great Lakes will visit, offering reflections during worship and an adult Sunday School class. His sermon title will be “And who is my neighbor?” with the text from Luke 10:25-37.

Next Sunday, Nov 3

Brad Yoder will bring the message.

Coming Fall of 2020: VOICES Together, the newest Mennonite hymnal! This will be included in next year's budget. There is a financial incentive in making a decision early. If we purchase 120 pew editions (they come in cases of 12; we need 100 books for our pews), it would cost \$2878.80. There is a 7% discount for quantity, then, if paid in full by May 1, 2020, there is another 10% discount = \$2409.73, a savings of almost \$470. We would also plan to purchase a large-print edition (\$43.99), and the accompaniment book \$89.99). Also, for every case of the pew edition we purchase we can buy a Worship Leader edition for \$9.99 (instead of \$19.99). We feel this could be a useful resource and would like to purchase 3. The grand total for all of this is \$2573.68 (plus shipping).

We want to point out that a Projection edition is available for projecting lyrics and/or music for \$499.99. Looking at the music projection, there are a lot of slides for each song since 4-part hymns can only project 2 staves worth of music on each slide, while unison songs fit 3 staves on a slide. Our recommendation at this time is to pass on purchasing the projection edition. We

have our own way of projecting the lyrics and we will have the books available for new songs. Direct any questions or comments to one of the Worship Commission members. More information can be found at

<http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/>

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship

11:00am Sunday School

Sat, Nov 2 – All Church Retreat at Jameson Camp, 8:30am start

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

Sun, Nov 10 – Budget Committee Meeting (all Commission & VAT Chairs, Pastors & Treasurer), 12 noon

Wed, Nov 13 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Fri, Nov 15 – Eastside Creation Care Film Night, 6pm

Thurs, Nov 21 – Meal, 6:30; Bible study, 7-8

Sat, Nov 23 – Fall Work Day

Wed, Nov 27 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Thu, Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Meal

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

Sat, Dec 14 – Christmas Banquet

Church Retreat – Saturday, Nov 2, 2019

It's not too late to sign up for our retreat! If you desire to attend and sign-up sheet is gone, please let Herb Troyer, Rose Love, or Linda Kandel know!

Our theme is, 'It Takes a Village.' Because we are blessed with many children, it seems helpful to understand and nurture the little ones as well as support parents and SS teachers.

Gathering 8:30-9:00

Worship 9:00-9:15

First conversation 9:15-10:15

Second conversation 10:35- 11:35

Lunch 12:00

Afternoon free to hike, play games, visit, etc.

November 28 is Thanksgiving Day, and in the past those of us who don't have plans have shared the day at Shalom. We would like to do that again this year if there are enough people. If there aren't enough people to need to be at the church, Showalter's would like to host it in their home. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the next couple weeks or talk to Linda Showalter.

Down at mailboxes, find a sample of the free devotional guide, "Our Daily Bread". It has short daily readings that I have used for many years and want to share with Shalom on a regular basis. Each booklet has readings for a three month period. I'd be interested in knowing if you use it and what you think. - Mary Albrecht

Continuation of Care for Gemina and family
What a blessing to be a part of surrounding this family with the support they need! For the past 18 months, this fund has been able to distribute monthly financial support to the family. The support group would like to recommend continuing to offer this support at the same level of \$600/month. Please see the attached report and return the pledge sheet. - Laura Harms

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder

Today Adam Graber Roth will talk about the work of MCC-Great Lakes. Regular adult classes will not meet.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom
Chair: Brad Yoder

This Sunday please bring food items for the Morning Star Food Pantry in Muncie. Frank Kandel, along with Bob Walson from First Mennonite will be attending the semi-annual advisory meeting on Monday, October 28th.

Advantages to Disabilities? When we think of the disabilities of ourselves or others, we usually think of the negative disadvantages. But a change in focus shows us the positive side of disabilities that have lessons for all of us.

The latest issue of *Connections*, the newsletter of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network, has articles highlighting blessings of autism ("Slow Your Roll") and hearing loss ("Praying for healing?"). Read the articles online at <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Newsletter/Pages/2019/Connections-September-2019.aspx> or see the paper copy posted on the church bulletin board near the nursery. – Joyce Troyer

Family Promise

You have the opportunity to serve the homeless at First Mennonite Church on Tuesday, Nov 5th. Please sign up for tasks as identified on the sign-up sheet. -Solomon Abebe

Sharing Space

Thank you for all the completed infant care kits. We could use a few more sleepers to finish up the kits this week.

In November, we want to collect caps and mittens.

Extra food items are appreciated this month for Morning Star ministries.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

SGDT is pleased that John Amstutz has agreed to serve as a member on the Worship Commission with Linda Showalter and Grace Rhine. Please share words of affirmation or concerns regarding John to Joyce Troyer in person, by email (troyers_hj@hotmail.com), or by phone (317-446-4353) by 10/27/19.

Reflections On Pilgrimage

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