

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 20, 2018

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Last Sunday, May 13:

We discussed the intellectual virtues of impartiality, which include intellectual empathy, carefulness, and humility. Because our thinking (along with our desires) has been distorted by the Fall, we tend to trust and believe claims that are favorable to us, while we tend to distrust and reject claims that threaten us or people with whom we identify. Consequently, we must cultivate the habits of listening empathetically to those whom we distrust, listening critically to those we trust, and being open to correction and guidance ourselves.

This Sunday, May 20:

This week is Pentecost. We will both celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and conclude our discussion of the intellectual virtues. Although these themes may seem unrelated, the "Wisdom" described in Proverbs is considered a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and the way the disciples prepared themselves to receive the Spirit has a lot to teach us about receiving wisdom. To do this, we need the intellectual virtues of tenacity and diligence.

Next Sunday, May 27:

Sabrina Falls will bring the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship
11 am Sunday School

May 17: 6:30pm Meal/Bible Study
May 27: No Sunday School
May 23: 7am Morning Breakfast Group
June 3: Fellowship Meal

June 13: 7am Morning Breakfast Group
June 14-16 Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Meetings
June 21: Thriving Thursday
June 27: 7am Morning Breakfast Group
June 28: Thriving Thursday

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

Tell us what you're interested in:

Discipling Commission is working on planning the summer disciplines. We'd like to know what types of prayer and service the congregation is already familiar with, so please fill out the Google form that was emailed to you, or go to this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Ds3yB2xpFH4u2RBk2> to fill out the form.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Car Knowledge?:

There is a person who lives near Shalom Mennonite Church who is going through a difficult time and recently called the church for help. One of the areas in which help was needed was in repairing a car or at least evaluating it to see what repairs are needed. If anyone from the congregation who has knowledge about car mechanics would be open to helping this person, please contact Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com.

Milepost #411: The Intellectual Virtues

This week, we will conclude our discussion of the intellectual virtues, which are the moral characteristics that help us discern truth in our personal study and public dialogue. There is not a definitive list of intellectual virtues, but the ones I have presented are widely recognized by virtue ethicists as key aspects

of *wisdom*. Below is a brief list of the six intellectual virtues we have studied so far (and the two we will discuss this Sunday), followed by Bible verses that encourage us to cultivate them.

Intellectual Curiosity – “The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.” – Proverbs 4:7-8

Intellectual Courage – “Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments... They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.” – Psalm 112:1, 7

Impartiality – “You must not be partial in judging; hear out the small and the great alike; you shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s.” – Deuteronomy 1:17

Intellectual Empathy – “You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.” – James 1:19

Intellectual Carefulness, “The simple believe everything, but the clever consider their steps.” – Proverbs 14:15

Intellectual Humility, “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but wisdom is with the humble.” – Proverbs 11:2

Intellectual Tenacity, “Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.” – Proverbs 4:13

Intellectual Diligence, “If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” – Proverbs 2:4-5

– Brian Bither

Do you have some thoughts to share about this month's spiritual discipline? 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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