

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 6, 2020

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, February 2

We continued 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. We looked at Colossians 2:8-15; Ephesians 6:5-11; and Acts 16:16-2.

### This Sunday, February 9

The Bible calls God's people not only to reject the institution of slavery but to make restitution to those who have been harmed by slavery, until the former slave and former free person are truly equals in the family of God. This week, we will consider what that call means for us who are the inheritors of the terrible racialized slavery of the 16th through 19th centuries, using Deuteronomy 15:12-15 and the book of Philemon as our guides.

### Next Sunday, February 16

This Sunday we will hear the last sermon in Pastor Brian's series on Slavery and Freedom in the Bible.

### 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](mailto:brian@shalommennonite.com).

### Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent on the church calendar. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 26, and we will be having a service at Shalom at 7:00 pm that evening. Please consider joining us as we begin a sacred time of confession, reflection, and the promise of coming resurrection.

### Other Lenten Services

The Worship Commission is considering having either a Maundy Thursday service or a Good Friday service at Shalom during Holy Week (April 9 or 10). If you would be interested in planning a service for either evening, please talk to Grace Rhine, John Amstutz, or Emily Ludden.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

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

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  
Wed, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday service, 7pm  
Sun, March 1 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner  
Mon, March 2 - Greenwood Panera - 789 US 31N; 8am-2pm  
Fri, March 6 - World Day of Prayer, 11 am  
Sat, March 14 – Eastside Creation Care  
Network meeting at Shalom; 8:30am-11:00am

### Meals for Chuck

Chuck Dunn is recovering following knee surgery. Please consider providing a meal for Chuck. Sign up here: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=BEQR8777>. Last name: Dunn; Password: Shalom. Thank you!

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Looking for something to do on Sunday evening? How about something with a little bit of mystery? If so, please sign up for our annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event. Dinner will be March 1, 2020 at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheets are in your mailbox, please complete and return to Angie Buller by Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **DISCIPLING**

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder Maust

### Sunday School Topics

Is there something you wish you could study or discuss during the Adult Ed hour? Have you read or learned something that you would like to share with the congregation? Discipling Commission is open to your suggestions year-round. Contact OlaJowon Turentine, Carol Bither, or Martha Yoder Maust, or put a note in our Discipling Commission mailbox. Thank you!

### 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](http://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.

### Our Daily Bread

There are copies of the Spring edition of Our Daily Bread available by the mailboxes.  
-Mary Albrecht

## **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.

## **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.

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Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com)