

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 9, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (11/6), Wilma Bailey preached from Jonah 2 with a title of: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

This Sunday (11/13), Brian will continue the sermon series on Jonah by preaching from chapter 3.

Next Sunday (11/20), Craig will finish the sermon series in Jonah 4.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 10, 6 pm Commission Chairs

Sunday, November 13, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School following.

Coffee and tea time between Worship and Sunday School will be downstairs, Along with DST ending in Nov we also have the changing of the Coffee Time Clean Up. November's lucky folks are those whose last name begins with C-J!. --The Kitchen Group

Monday, November 14 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Tuesday, November 15, 1 pm Deacons Meeting

Saturday, November 19, 9 am – 12 pm, Fall workday at the church. Rake leaves, spread some mulch, etc.

Monday, November 28 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Fishers Panera Bread - 8510 E 96th Street, Fishers, IN

Monday, December 5 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Downtown Starbucks (430 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN)

Monday, December 12 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

Bulletins are now attached with the Zoom link for those who are worshipping on Zoom. There will continue to be a virtual zoom option available for those who will be at home or away. A link will continue to be sent out each week. At this time, we will not be able to accommodate active participation from home. If you have a prayer request or announcement you would like to share, there will be two options. You can either **email** the office at office@shalommennonite.com or pastors@shalommennonite.com with the request by Saturday night and a pastor will share the request at church, or you may **type your request live into the chat** feature on zoom and someone on the tech team will read it to the congregation at church.

Celebrations

Sun, Nov 13 -- Carl Rhine

Tue, Nov 15 -- Roselle Martinez

Take them a meal. A meal sign up for Julie and Donald has been created, follow the link for details.

[Meals For Julie and Donald Sanders via Take Them A Meal](#)

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Shalom Youth

Children's Sunday School Co-Teachers needed.

The ideal situation for our Pre-K and Youth classes would be to have a co-teacher that could cover about half the dates. If you can help, reach out to Laura or talk with Carol Weaver about PreK or Jeanne Smucker about youth.

Adult Education schedule

Sunday, November 13

- Adult Sunday School: Anti-Racism Caucus Conversations

Sunday, November 20

-Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (3rd session)

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Lent/Thanksgiving Weekend, no Sunday school for adults or children

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

Masks

The VAT met on Tuesday 9/13 and discussed mask wearing at church. The daily COVID-19 new infection rate is decreasing in the US. Because of this and the increase in vaccinations and the availability of receiving booster vaccines, it has been decided we will make masks optional starting with Sunday 9/18. We continue to ask you to stay home and worship on Zoom if you are sick. If you are feeling a bit unwell and attend church in person, please wear a mask. We want to keep each other safe.

We will continue to monitor the situation and masks may become mandatory again at some time if the situation warrants. We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and stay up to date with boosters as appropriate. We encourage the annual flu vaccine as well. We want everyone to stay healthy and well.

Administration

Chair: Mike Wigginton

On Saturday, November 19, 9 am – 12 pm, we will have a fall workday at the church. Come and rake leaves, spread some mulch, and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements should be sent to Linda Showalter at showalter@indy.rr.com by Thursday, 10 am.

On November 13 our caucus groups will be reviewing a draft of proposed changes to Shalom's "Statement on Becoming an Anti-Racist Church." Even if you have not been attending the caucus sessions, please consider attending in order to give feedback and hear what others have to say.

The statement is attached to this newsletter.

Friends, you will find an attachment to this week's newsletter that contains the prayers and poems that were submitted during the week. Some follow a pattern. Some are humorous. Some are not restricted to nighttime use. On Wednesday of this week, the New York Times printed a long form account of an attempt by a mother and her six year old daughter to cross Panama's treacherous Darien Gap in an attempt to reach the U.S. At one point, mother and daughter became separated. The terrified child sang a prayer that she had been taught translated as "The glory of God, giant and sacred, He carries me in his arms." You never know when a memorized prayer might be just the thing needed to bring comfort and hope. The article is titled "A Girl Loses Her Mother in the Jungle, and a Migrant Dream Dies" by Julie Turkewitz. There is a semi-happy ending to the story in that the mother and child are reunited before leaving the Gap but they are going to be forced to go back to Venezuela.

Short Term Bible Study Group. Carol Bixler is organizing a Bible study group for the Anabaptist Bible. Each group will be given a Bible passage to read and study, meeting four times before April 2023. If more than 5 people wish to join, a second group can be formed.

New children's books in our library, see attachment for more details.

Update about Alejandro - After Robert shared about Alejandro in church last Sunday, several of you have reached out to us to ask about his situation. Given the condition of the rental, they would like to move, and they are currently looking at houses where they could afford the monthly payment but might need help with the original cost and moving fees. I will update the congregation as any more developments occur. ~ Brian

In addition to our podcast, Shalom has a **YouTube channel**, and many of our Zoom Sessions including the sermons in the "Story of the Bible" sermon series and the "Facing Hard Questions" sessions - can be found there. This is an easy way to share the good news with church members past and present, visitors and newcomers, and even outsiders. Check it out at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEn30AED17Q_ReoskuxUXA!

Video recordings (MP4) of our Zoom worship services are available online. A link to the worship service recordings is on the Member's page of our website.

Sam Bixler manages our church directory, email address list, and telephone numbers. You can email changes or additions to the office at office@shalommennonite.com or bixlersc@gmail.com.

Craig Oury compiles *Journeying Together* each week. You can continue to send information to office@shalommennonite.com by 5 pm on Wednesday. Craig is managing our Zoom calendar, church calendar, and uploads minutes on the church website. If you need to schedule a meeting using the church zoom account or have minutes to upload, you can email the office at office@shalommennonite.com or craig@shalommennonite.com.

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