

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 10, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (8/7). Craig preached from John 14:11-14. Craig will be looking at prayer and what is meant by Jesus saying, "ask anything in my name and I will do it"

This Sunday (8/14), Brian will be preaching about how we deal with the emotion of guilt as Christians, with 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 as a key text.

Next Sunday (8/21), Sabrina will bring the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 14, 9:30 am Worship followed by Sunday School

Wednesday, August 10 6pm – VAT meeting.

Monday, August 15 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tuesday, August 16, 6pm – Outreach Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 6pm – Commissions Chairs meeting.

Monday, August 22 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Monday, August 29 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Saturday, September 10 Greenfest featuring Carrie Newcomer A mingling of art, eco-justice, and Spirituality. Outdoor activities from 3-6 pm indoor concert at 6 pm. Sacred Earth @ Cumberland, 116 S. Muessing St., Cumberland, IN 46229

Saturday, October 8, 2022, starting at 9 am Church retreat at Jamison Camp. Our theme for the day is Celebrating Life Together. Please plan to come and stay for the whole day!

Bulletins are now attached with the Zoom link for those who are worshiping 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

Thur, Aug 11 -- OlaJowon Turentine
Thur, Aug 11 -- Julie & Donald Sanders
Sat, Aug 13 -- Jackie Hernandez

Here are a list of small groups that are meeting. Feel free to contact one of them if the timing suits and you would like to meet and talk. There is also the possibility of forming your own small group by asking others to join you around a hobby or passion. There is one member of shalom who suggested having a Zoom group around the theme of a sermon response group sometime during the week. If interested let Herb Troyer know.

Wednesday Breakfast Group Rod Maust contact person Phone 317 593-4355.
Email [<yodermaust@gmail.com>](mailto:yodermaust@gmail.com) We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of each month at 7am via zoom. We had been meeting at the Illinois St Emporium for breakfast but have not yet resumed that since COVID came about. Our conversation can include sermon responses, our Shalom journey, broader church issues, personal sharing, and general news concerns.

Martha Maust is the contact person for this small group.
Members are Brenda Smith, Barbara Longoria, Bob and Rose Love, Bill and Mary Albrecht, and myself. We meet once a month on Zoom at 1:00 PM on Sunday. The meeting date depends on our schedules. We focus on sharing and praying for each other. Sometimes we also talk about things that are going on in the congregation or things we have been studying. I'm the contact person and my preferred email is yodermaust@gmail.com.

Herb Troyer is the contact person for our Wisdom around the campfire small group

We meet about every other week depending on our schedules. the next meeting due to schedules of all the families is on June 6th at 6PM to about 7:30 at the church. We try to meet outside when the weather is cooperative and at times we continue to have a campfire. We often have someone lead in a small devotional and then have sharing and prayer before we leave. the members are Herb and Joyce Troyer, Cheryl Martin , Laura Harms and at times other family members , Becky and Mike Wiggington, and Chuck Dunn

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Summer Children's Sunday School – June 5 through August 28

Summer Children's Sunday School

Two more summer dates to fill! Let's have a great finish for our Summer Children's Sunday School. Please let Laura know if you can teach on **August 21 or 28**.

Fall Children's Sunday School Plans

Starting Sept 11 and running through December, Shalom hopes to offer the following classes.

- * Age 2-3 (teacher slots filled)
- * Elementary (1 more co-teacher needed)
- * JYF/MYF (1 lead teacher or 2 co-teachers needed)

Seeking 1 co-teacher for the Elementary Age class and either 1 lead teacher or 2 co-teachers for the Youth class.

Co-teaching means you'll have flexibility to travel or fulfill other Sunday morning duties because you'll share teaching responsibilities with your co-teacher. You are welcome to teach together if you are both available on the same Sunday but this is not required. Most teachers like to split up the dates.

Please email Laura with any questions and to let her know if you can serve - harms.laura@gmail.com

Adult Education schedule

August 14 Intergenerational activity: adults and children will process caps and lids for our junior-sized picnic

table

August 21 Racial caucus session

August 28 Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo will share about their work in Quito, Ecuador

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

Remember that supplies for MCC school kits are continuing to be collected until the end of August, on the table across from Shalom mailboxes. Thank you for contributing to this important ministry.

On Tuesday, August 9, Becky and Mike Wigginton and Brad Yoder participated in a community forum about reducing violent crime in Indianapolis. The meeting was hosted by True Tried Missionary Baptist Church, 506 W 26th Street, Pastor Richard Curry, and led by several Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) officers, including Chief Randal Taylor. All participants were organized into tables with each table including at least one police officer, one pastor, and one community member. The goal was to promote interaction among participants about preventing and reducing crime in the City. Each participant was asked initially to write down three ideas, then discussion progressed around the table for 20 minutes. Each table reported to the entire group a summary of their discussion. A friendly competitive spirit developed among the reporters for the tables, each trying to top the others! Among the themes which recurred were: 1) Developing **personal relationships** between the police and community members which lead to **trust**, are absolutely essential for effective policing, 2) All parties bear **mutual responsibility** for developing and maintaining positive relationships, 3) **Being present** for each other is most important in all human relationships, including law enforcement, 4) If you see something, say something, 5) Make an intentional effort to **engage with your neighbors** as a means of building stronger neighborhoods, 6) Find ways to invest your gifts in **nurturing youth** through encouraging, engaging, and educating. The IMPD Victims Support Staff participated, and emphasized that their work is crucial in meeting the needs of those who are harmed by crimes through individual and group services. One limitation was that in addressing the religious community, the emphasis in the meeting was definitely on connecting with Christians. Members of other faiths may have felt left out (none were identified at our tables).

Did you know that 4.6 million children in the United States live in homes where guns are both unlocked and loaded? In the Thursday, August 18, 7:00PM, Hoosiers Concerned about Gun Violence Forum, guest speaker Becca McCracken will discuss "Protect our Kids from Firearms Tragedies: Safe Firearm Storage". To pre-register, email info@hcgv.org with "RSVP August 18 Forum"

Green Festival featuring Carrie Newcomer Saturday September 6. Free outdoor events from 3-6 pm, Carrie Newcomer concert at 6 pm, \$20. See attached flyer.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team is pleased to announce that two positions have been filled. Wilma Bailey has been affirmed as a member of Discipling Commission. She joins Martha Yoder (chair) and Carol Bither (member). Grace Rhine was nominated by the congregation and agreed to serve as a Congregational Representative (CR) on the Vision and Accountability Team (VAT) with Cheryl Martin (chair), Frank Kandel (vice-chair), Carol Bixler (CR), and Mark Stocksdales (CR).

Please continue to pray for the two Community Life Commission Positions that are in process.

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

We have decided to once again request that everyone wear a mask in the church unless eating or drinking. This is about an abundance of caution and love for one another. We want to continue to meet in person, so this may be helpful to allow us to continue this pattern. Also, if you are feeling ill, please stay home and utilize the Zoom meeting link. We want us all to stay healthy.

Administration
Chair: Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Craig is going to be on vacation from Monday, August 15 through Sunday, August 21. During this time, please direct any pastoral questions and concerns to Pastor Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com. You can still send newsletter updates to the office email.

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

Starting in June, there will be no assigned nursery workers for the summer. Based on the current children using the nursery, usually a parent has preferred to stay there with them already. Please feel free to make use of the nursery as needed.

We are gathering items for Mennonite Central Committee school kits in July and August on the table across from the mailboxes. Bags are provided. The contents are:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. **All metal** sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners** please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

The **MCC Bike Michiana** tour at Amigo Centre is just 6 weeks away. I am again planning to participate, and I am requesting your sponsorship contributions. This year's project will be directed to assisting farmers in Haiti with climate change mitigation.

Because of a fiasco involving some lost checks, and because of the delays encountered in processing in prior years, Amigo Centre is requesting that sponsorship checks be sent directly to the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen. Checks should be payable to : **MCC** and mailed directly to **MCC Great Lakes Regional Office, 1013 Division St., Goshen, IN 46528**. Please include memo line **MCC Bike Michiana** and specify **John Amstutz sponsorship**. Please notify me of your sponsorship and amount contributed by email to obojohn@gmail.com Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make this my \$30 000 year.

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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY

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