

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 18, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (5/15), we took a break from Hebrews and focused on rooting out racism in preparation for the anti-racism report that we discussed during the Sunday school hour.

This Sunday (5/22), Craig is going to be preaching from Hebrews 4 and 5 about Jesus' role as the high priest who mediates between God and humanity.

Next Sunday (5/29), Brian is going to be preaching on the concept of the atonement as presented in Hebrews 9-10.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday May 22 worship at 9:30 am and Sunday School at 11 am. Masks now required in worship again, please see notice in the VAT section.

Monday, May 30 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Monday, June 6 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Fall Retreat. Shalom is scheduled for our annual fall retreat for Saturday October 8th 9 am at Jameson Camp on the west side of Indianapolis. CLC is asking for volunteers to help plan the retreat. The theme for this year is Celebrating Life Together after Lock Down. If you would like to help plan for this retreat contact Herb Troyer, Rose Love, or Craig Oury.

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

Fri, May 20 -- David Falls

Sun, May 22 -- Herb & Joyce Troyer

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

Sunday School classes offered:

PreK class for 3-5yr olds not enrolled in school - Taught by Carol Weaver

Early Elementary for K-3rd grade - Taught by Debora Akotonou with Rose Love

JYF/MYF for 6th-12th grade - Co-taught by OlaJowon Turentine and Frank Kandel with Julie Sanders

Older MYF students will also be invited to join an adult class if they prefer.

For any questions you can contact Laura Harms

Summer Children's Sunday School

Part 1: Song Time for Kids

We could use a couple more singers or musicians to help with Children's Song Time. We'll be trying this out for the first 15-20 min of the Sunday School hour this summer (starting in June).

Part 2: Nature walks, Sorting Caps, and Connecting with our kids in creative ways:

After song time we'd like the kids to have another activity. Would you be willing to sign up for one Sunday a month (or even just one Sunday over the summer!) and plan for a 30-45 minute multi-age activity? Find a partner and plan a craft. Grab a teen and organize a scavenger hunt. Bring a stack of books. Plant some flowers or vegetables.

Email Laura with the dates you can cover. harms.laura@gmail.com

May 22: Continuing our study of Hebrews with chapter 2. Try to memorize Hebrews 12:1-2.

May 29: No Sunday school for adults or children

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT THE NEW ROCK YOUTH CENTER.

This is Renee Bacon from The ROCK Youth Center at Eastern Star Church. I wanted to revisit our conversation about how members of Shalom can get involved. The center will host Rooted School Indy and provide some programming as they will be one of the Indy Summer Learning Labs (summer school) that the Mind Trust offers through the city. The five week lab will be from June 20- July 22 from 8 am – 2 pm. There will be academic enrichment in the morning and enrichment/programming in the afternoon. It is free and we will offer breakfast, lunch and limited transportation. I will send the flyer once I am provided with the digital link. We will only serve

incoming 6th – 9th grade middle school students. Would you have any members who may be able to offer programming like quilting for this 5 week period from the hours of 1-4? Also, we are looking for volunteers for the summer and for our fall full launch. We have a very outdated outdoor playground that we either need to replace or repair. Would love to see if anyone on your end can assist with that project? We are also planning a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in mid-May. **We will certainly send you and the members an invite. Would love to come and share with your church in person or via zoom more about the center and various volunteer opportunities. Let me know your thoughts. If you have any question, please contact me (920) 602 7339.**

HCGV May newsletter is attached.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

So, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello Shalom!

We wanted to share some good news on behalf of our family. Noe has been accepted to Purdue this fall! This means some adjustments for our family, including selling our current home. We have been working on getting our home ready for awhile, however, Noe has just started an internship that has proved to be quite time intensive. Unfortunately, this leaves us with a bit of outside work to finish up, without much time to get everything done. All this being said, we would like to propose a work day on Saturday May 28, if anyone is willing and able to give us a hand. The areas we would be grateful for some additional help include outside painting and yard work.

We plan to offer fuel in the form of food and drink!

If you are interested and feel you might like to come, please email Laura at lemartinez0707@gmail.com.

Blessings to everyone and have a good rest of the week!

Laura and Noe Martinez

Merienda Menonita

We continue with our series of conversations focusing on conflicts in different parts of the world. In this interview Raphael Edou shares about the history of Benin and conflicts in the West African area.

<https://anabaptistworld.org/podcast-latest/merienda-menonita-podcast/>

Tree of Life Retreat- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering a noncredit retreat titled Spiritual Practice: Tree of Life. It "weaves together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. Participants will also consider how to engage trees within their faith communities...." Cost is \$60 per person (includes two meals). The first day, June 3 is on the AMBS campus (Elkhart, IN), the second, June 4 is at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Website ambs.edu for more information or to register.

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2022 is July 12, with the final registration deadline on August 9,

2022. For more information visit www.ambbs.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Joanne Gallardo at joanne@im.mennonite.net or 574-534-4006.

Friday May 20 and **Saturday** May 21 there is a seminar at Southport Presbyterian Church for grandparents and others who would like to be equipped on how to disciple millennials and generation z. Follow the link for more details. <https://southportpres.org/nextgenerations>

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.

Journeying Together is a weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church: 6100 E 32nd St, 46226; (317) 549-0577 shalommennonite.com

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Vision & Accountability Team: Cheryl Martin, Carol Bixler, CoraLyn Turentine, Frank Kandel, Mark Stocksdale
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