

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 19, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (10/16), Brian preached about the plum line in Amos 7.

This Sunday (10/23), Craig will finish the series in Amos looking at God's future offer of restoration in Amos 9.

Next Sunday (10/30), Brian will begin a new sermon series on the book of Jonah, preaching from the first chapter.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School following.

Coffee and tea time between Worship and Sunday School will be served downstairs, please get your drink and don't linger/talk at the window! just keep moving to Sunday School! We can only do this if everyone helps, so the clean up schedule is those who's last name begins with A-B are to clean up in Oct. after Sunday School. --The Kitchen Group

Monday, October 24 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Downtown Starbucks (430 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN)

Monday, October 24, 4 pm VAT

Monday, October 31 (PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED TIME AND LOCATION) from 8:30a to 2:30p - East Side Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

Monday, November 7 (PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED LOCATION) from 9a to 3p - Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

Thursday, November 10, 6 pm Commission Chairs

Monday, November 14 from 9a to 3p - Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

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

Tue, Oct 25 -- Eric Easter

Wed, Oct 26 -- Sabrina Falls

Vivienne Florence Bauman – Matt and Charity Bauman welcomed their new daughter recently. If you would like to sign up for the meal train please follow this link. mealtrain.com/66yelz

Meal Train. As Bek is recovering from surgery the CLC has created a meal train to support them with a meal train. Follow this link to sign up: mealtrain.com/k0v8z0

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. contact one of the group members for the next meeting time and place .We try to meet outside when the weather if 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 , Bek and Dean Linsenmeyer , Becky and Mike Wigginton, and Chuck Dunn.

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Shalom Youth

Children's Sunday School substitute update:
The youth class has a substitute for the needed October dates.

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, October 23

- Sermon covers Amos 8-9
- Adult SS - Bible Study on Amos (5th session)

Sunday, October 30

- Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (1st session)

Sunday, November 6

- Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (2nd session)

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

The SGDT is thankful to share that Beverly Smith agreed to serve as a member of the Community Life Commission . Please communicate your affirmation or other feedback regarding Beverly for this position to Joyce Troyer (email: troyers_hj@hotmail.com; phone: 317-446-4353) by October 26.

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

Shalom Survey

The VAT would like to spend some time with the congregation discussing the Mission and Vision Goals of the congregation. It was in 2017 that these were established. Because of the pandemic, it was difficult to have these discussions and so it was decided to wait until we could meet in person again. We plan to have those discussions starting at the end of October. In order to facilitate the discussions, we are asking the congregation to give us some insight into what is being thought/felt by the congregation members. A survey has been developed which should help us begin the discussions.

Please complete the survey either in electronic form (attached) and return it in that form. You can also print off the form and turn it in or take one of the available copies (at the mailboxes) and filling it out. Place completed paper forms in Cheryl Martin's mailbox. All names or identifying information will be removed from the survey before tabulation is done. All information will be presented in aggregate form so it is anonymous.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Monday, October 17 to Sunday, October 23. Please direct any pastoral concerns to Pastor Craig at that time, who can be reached at craig@shalommennonite.com.

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.

Vigil for Detained Immigrants. The prayer vigil at the Clay County jail has been **rescheduled for Saturday, November 5**. This is a way of showing tangible support for immigrants who are detained in Indiana as well as witnessing to their plight. The exact time has not yet been set, but it will occur in the morning, probably at 9am or 10am. Please contact Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com if you would like to attend.

Thank you from MCC! Thank you for your donation to Mennonite Central Committee which will be used to help those who are suffering around the world.

Item(s): 30 School Kits

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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