

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

April 20, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (4/17). Was Easter and we celebrated the fact that there is no condemnation for us who are in Christ Jesus.

This Sunday (4/24). We will be starting an 8-week series studying the book of Hebrews. Brian will offer an overview of Hebrews and some background information as we prepare to engage on of the most theologically dense books of the Bible.

Next Sunday (5/1). Brian will be preaching from Hebrews 1, which makes the case that Christ had to be more than human - and even more than a supernatural being like an angel - in order to do the work of salvation that he came to do.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday April 24 worship at 9:30 am and Sunday School at 11 am.

Saturday April 30 work day at Shalom from 9am-12pm all volunteers are welcome.

Due to a change in his childcare situation, Brian is making a slight change to his Roving Office Hours so that they will be from 9am to 3pm on select Mondays instead of 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Monday, April 25 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Monday, May 9 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Fishers Panera Bread, 8510 E 96th St Suite A, Fishers, IN 46038

Monday, May 16 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 U.S. Hwy 31 N, Greenwood, IN 46142

As we begin meeting in person, 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, April 26 -- Mike Wigginton

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Sunday School for 2-yr olds: Shalom is considering whether to begin offering Sunday School for the littlest ones. If you are a parent and would like to have a class for your 2-year old, please let Laura know. Laura would also like to hear from anyone interested in teaching this class for the month of May. harms.laura@gmail.com

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

April 24: OlaJowon will lead us in Bible study using tools from BibleProject.com

Child Safety Update

Our church safety policy calls for all volunteers and staff who work with children to read the child safety policy, have an annual training in child safety, and sign a form saying that we have done those two things and giving permission for Shalom to screen us against the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry. Naturally, while we were meeting on Zoom, all of our training has lapsed. If you plan to volunteer with children and youth in any capacity, please read the whole policy at <https://www.shalommennonite.com/files/ugd/ca885f30c9c287c564489ebd2ff957b6687f60.pdf>

Jeanne will lead a training session on May 1 during the 11:00 Sunday school hour. After that we will ask you to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on page 6 of that document and to fill out and sign the Authorization for Criminal History Check on page 7. Turn these completed forms in to Martha Yoder Maust or Jeanne Smucker or put them in the Discipling Commission mailbox at church. If you watch the training on Zoom and do not have a way to read or print the forms, please let Martha know and she will mail you the document. For those who cannot attend the training on May 1 (including those currently teaching the children), we will arrange additional opportunities for you to have training.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Smucker or Martha Yoder Maust.

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

VAT has reviewed the data regarding Covid-19. At this time, the case numbers are very low, approximately 1.3. This is well below the level the Safely Gathering committee had set previously. Therefore, in consultation with the Safely Gathering committee, it has been decided that masks will be optional. Those who still feel more comfortable with masks are encouraged to continue to wear them. Others can choose to leave them off. Please be aware that this may change at any time if there is a surge or a new variant. If that happens, you will be notified. Safety is still our main goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trochez/Hernandez support funds: The financial support for Gemima and her daughters is planned through July and the fund will need just a little more to make it there! The need is for about \$400.

A note from Joann Buerge.

On Easter Sunday afternoon, my son, Kevin fell off a ladder ending up with a severe Tibial Plateau Fracture to his left leg. He's already had two minor surgeries and the big "ortho" surgery won't happen until the swelling goes away. Please pray for Kevin, Gayle and Ariana.

Savannah and Eric Easter want to convey their appreciation for Shalom's prayers while their newborn baby was in the ICU. Now they are pleased to share that Beckham is breathing and eating on his own and has moved into their home. Let's thank God for this mercy and also continue to pray for these new parents.

Work day at Shalom Saturday April 30th from 9AM-12 noon. All volunteers are welcome.

Mennonite Fellowships in Bloomington and Paoli, Indiana will be hosting contemporary hymn writer Adam Tice for a special "HymnSing" using the new Mennonite Hymnal, Voices Together on Sunday, May 1st at the First United Church 2420 East Third Street in Bloomington. Tice has written many contemporary hymns and is an Editor of the new hymnal. He will lead the HymnSing which starts at 3 in the afternoon. A small music ensemble from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music will accompany the singing and a reception will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please bring a copy of Voices Together if you have one. Please contact the Rev. Tim Jessen for further information at tjessen@sbcglobal.net or 812 325 8267

"Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism" is a free webinar offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary at 2:00 PM on May 4, taught by professor Drew Strait. More information and registration at <https://www.ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/>

Shalom has contracted a web designer to improve the appearance of our website and make it easier to use and view. As part of this process, we invite anyone to send any big or small suggestions about improving the website, including content changes, to Tim Ludden at timothy.ludden@gmail.com by May 10. The AC plans to review the recommendations and review them with the web designer. While not all suggestions will be adopted, we would love to hear the congregations' thoughts on improving the website. (For clarity, this redesign is focused on general improvements and will not make any major overhauls or changes to the current structure of the website.)

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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