

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 23, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (11/20), Craig finished our sermon series in Jonah.

This Sunday (11/27), is the first Sunday of Advent. This year, we will be focusing on the theme that "Restoration is coming," and Brian will preach the first sermon from Isaiah 2 and Matthew 24 about "Hope from Beyond."

Next Sunday (12/4), is the second Sunday of Advent, and Brian will be preaching from Matthew 3 about John the Baptist's call for repentance.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 24. Thanksgiving dinner at the church. We would plan to begin eating at 1 pm. Turkey will be offered; please bring a dish to share. Plan to stay for fellowship as long as you wish. (The TV can be available for "the games".) There is a sign-up sheet on the window in the foyer so we know how many to set up for. Contact Linda Showalter with questions.

Sunday, November 27, 9:30 am Worship, No Sunday School this week.

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

Sunday, December 4 after Sunday School, Congregational Budget Meeting.

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

Shalom Mennonite Christmas Dinner, The evening of December 10th. The dinner will be a planned carry-in. See sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Monday, January 2 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office at Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

Thursday, January 12, 6 pm Commission Chairs

Tuesday, January 17, 7 pm Community Life Commission

Monday, January 23 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office at Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Monday, January 30 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

Thur, Nov 24 -- Jay Brubaker
Thur, Nov 24 -- Angie Buller
Tue, Nov 29 -- John Amstutz

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Children's Sunday School

I know many of us enjoy the children that are part of Shalom. And I believe that the children enjoy the adults that are part of our community. Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful way to support the children and families at Shalom. Teaching in partnership with a co-teacher ensures the burden of preparing lessons and covering class days is shared. Please consider joining the teaching team in January.

Laura needs to know who can help - harms.laura@gmail.com

Teachers needed to start in January:

Pre-K: 2 co-teachers needed for Spring semester (Jan - May)

Elementary: 1 co-teacher for Spring semester (Jan - May)

Adult Education schedule

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

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

HCGV Newsletter is attached

Morning Star Church in Muncie needs food donations for their weekly Food Pantry.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to church or notify Frank for pick-up.

The useful life of Morning Star's rickety old building has finally come to an end with water infiltration in the basement and mold in the sanctuary, but they have made down-payment on a nearby vacant building and are able to carry on with the ministry--more details will be forthcoming.

Frank Kandel on behalf of the Outreach Commission

309-532-2859

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team is pleased to share that Dan Rosenberger has accepted the nomination to serve Shalom on the Administration Commission. Now until December 4, it's time for you to provide affirmation and/or feedback to Joyce Troyer (troyers_hj@hotmail.com, 317-446-4353, or in person)

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

Administration

Chair: Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

REMINDER: Mennonite Arts Weekend **early bird registration ends Nov. 30, 2022!** Come celebrate artists at Mennonite Arts Weekend on Feb. 3-5, 2023. There will be presentations, workshops, children's activities, and a concert by Girl Named Tom. Go to <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/> for the list of presenters and registration, location, and lodging information.

Short Term Bible Study Group. One study group has been formed for the Anabaptism at 500 Bible Study. We can have more groups if people are interested. Contact Carol Bixler for more information.

Deacons. You may have noticed some new people coming to Shalom lately. Which means it is time to add some new deacons! If you have an interest in becoming a Deacon or have any questions please contact pastor Craig, he'll be happy to hear from you.

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.

Psalm 57: 5-11 NRSVUE

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶ They set a net for my steps;
my soul was bowed down.
They dug a pit in my path,
but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*
⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God;

my heart is steadfast.
I will sing and make melody.
⁸ Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
¹⁰ For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.

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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