

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 21, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (9/18), Craig continued the sermon series on Amos in chapters 3-4.

This Sunday (9/25), Brian will be preaching from Amos 5 on the theme of religious hypocrisy.

Next Sunday (10/2), is world communion Sunday. Brian will be preaching from Amos 6.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School following.

Thursday, September 22, 6 pm, Commissions Chairs

Monday, September 26 from 9am to 3pm – Brian's Roving Office Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Tuesday, September 27, 6pm, Outreach Commission

Monday, October 3 from 9am to 3pm – Brian's Roving Office Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

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!

Monday, October 10 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Fishers Panera Bread (8510 E 96th Street, Fishers, IN)

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

Sat, Sept 24 -- Ernie Hodel & Tania Goodloe

Wed, Sept 28 -- Lena Marie Bauman

Shalom Retreat

Theme: Finding Joy in Our Life Together

October 8, 2022, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Child care provided from 9-12 a.m. Afternoon activities are intergenerational.

The retreat will be a celebration of our being back together again after two years of limited contact due to Covid 19 restrictions. Please reserve the date and sign up so that we know how many people to plan for.

The text for the day is Isaiah 55:12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

In Isaiah 55, the joy of walking together with God is symbolized by nature itself praising God. We believe that trees and all of nature bring us closer to our Creator. From scientific studies, we know that trees calm our hearts as we walk beneath them and fellowship under them. As we walk together at Shalom, we are calmed and strengthened in our faith and life. We encourage everyone to bring to the retreat reflections and memories of joy and growth over the last two years.

Bring snack foods for sharing, examples: vegetable trays, fruit, cookies, chips, pretzels, candy, etc.

Lunch will be a variety of pizzas and salad. Let Herb know if you have a dietary concern. Please RSVP to the office@shalommennonite.com or the sign up sheet in the foyer and indicate how many will be attending.

The schedule for the day is attached.

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 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 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, Bek and Dean Linsenmeyer, Becky and Mike Wigginton, and Chuck Dunn.

DISCIPLINE: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Shalom Youth

Children's Sunday School Substitute Teachers needed.

Please let Laura know if you can be a substitute teacher. We need help for the following dates:

October 9: either Pre-K or Youth class or BOTH

October 23: youth class

October 30: youth class

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, September 25

- Adult SS 1 - Bible Study on Amos (2nd session)
- Adult SS 2 - Shalom Orientation Class (3rd session)

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday

- Adult SS 1 - Bible Study on Amos (3rd session)
- Adult SS 2 - Shalom Orientation Class (4th session)

Sunday, October 9

- Sermon covers Amos 6
- Adult SS - Anti-Racism Caucus Conversations

Sunday, October 16

- Sermon covers Amos 7
- Adult SS - Bible Study on Amos (4th session)

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: Mission & Vision Discernment (3rd session)

Sunday, November 20

- Adult Sunday School: Anti-Racism Caucus Conversations

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

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

HCGV newsletter is attached.

Faith & Action Fall Event Featuring Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

How do we attack the root causes of poverty and achieve real progress? These questions will be addressed at the 2022 CTS Faith & Action Fall Event. The evening of September 29 will feature **Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II**, Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign and national leader in social justice and political organizing. Dr. Barber will present a keynote address and be joined by Sojourner Magazine Fellowship Program Director Moya Harris for a moderated discussion about how we can overcome poverty by attacking the injustices that fuel it.

The Faith & Action Fall Event will take place at **7pm on Thursday, September 29, 2022**, in Shelton Auditorium on the CTS campus.

[Click here to register.](#)

In the Sharing space for September we are promoting local projects:

New men's underwear, all sizes. Horizon House gives these to our unhoused neighbors.

New or gently used books for Eastern Star's ROCK Initiative youth programs.

Educational supplies for Teachers' Treasures. Go to their website teacherstreasures.org for a list of acceptable items.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

HELP! Please pray for discerning the right person to join Bethany, Herb, and Craig on the Community Life Commission (CLC). The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) is pleased to share that Bethany Martin has been affirmed by the congregation as a member of the CLC. She joins Herb (chair) and Craig (pastoral representative). **However**, one member is still needed to complete the CLC. Please prayerfully discern if you or someone who comes to mind is the person for this position. If you think someone else is well-suited for this position, please speak with them and get their permission before sharing their name with the SGDT.

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

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 warrents. 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.

CROP WALK OCTOBER 2ND this year again it will be self walk. If you are going to walk please sign into the crop website. the easiest way is to type in Crop walk Indianapolis. If you are not going to walk and would like to sponsor someone you can pick one of the person signed up to sponsor. First Menno has invited us to walk with them on October 2nd. Let Herb Troyer know if you want to walk with First Menno folks. I am recommending we start the walk at 1 pm and they suggested meeting near butler/church center near 42nd/Michigan St.

Early-bird registration is open for the 2023 Mennonite Arts Weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3-5.

Twelve artists and our featured musical group, A Girl Named Tom, will explore this year's theme BETWEEN: Embracing Vulnerability. You will find information about the participating artists, venue, schedule, and registration at mennoniteartsweekend.org. Hope to see you there!

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_ReooskuxUXA!

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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