

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 7, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (9/4), Craig preached from Luke 14:1-14 looking at Jesus' words on offering hospitality.

This Sunday (9/11), Brian will be introducing a new sermon series on the book of Amos, starting with chapters 1-2.

Next Sunday (9/18), Craig will continue the sermon series on Amos in chapters 3-4.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 10 Greenfest featuring Carrie Newcomer A mingling of art, eco-justice, and Spirituality. Outdoor activities from 3-6 pm indoor concert at 6 pm. Sacred Earth @ Cumberland, 116 S. Muessing St., Cumberland, IN 46229

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School following.

Monday, September 12 from 9am to 3pm – Brian's Roving Office Downtown Panera Bread, 110 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Monday, September 12 6pm – Spiritual Gifts Discernment Commission.

Tuesday, September 13, 6pm, VAT meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2-4 pm, Arlington Woods Community Wellness and Resource Fair at Small Events Center, 5939 E 27th st. Bldg. #2.

Monday, September 19 from 9am to 3pm – Brian's Roving Office East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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

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!

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

Church Retreat is October 8, 2022. Please RSVP to the office@shalommennonite.com and indicate how many will be attending so we know how much food to bring for breakfast and lunch which will be provided. Please plan on bring finger foods for snacks.

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 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 , Laura Harms and at times other family members , Becky and Mike Wiggington, and Chuck Dunn

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Shalom Youth

Fall Sunday School Changes and Needs

Please read this new information on our Sunday School needs. Where might you be able to help?

One of our Pre-K teachers has decided to teach the Youth Sunday School class. Thank you Jeannel!

Our needs for teachers are now as follows:

Pre-K: one co-teacher needed

Elementary: all set for teachers

Youth: one teacher needed for most of October

Our Youth are at an age of deep exploration and you can have a real impact through real conversations. Take a look at the materials here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/generation-why/>. You might find a particular topic that you'd like to explore alongside our youth.

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

Arlington Woods Community Wellness and Resource Fair at Small Events Center, 5939 E 27th st. Bldg. #2, Sept. 17, 12 - 4. This is a very positive event in our neighborhood that Shalom can and should participate in.

Green Festival featuring Carrie Newcomer Saturday September . Free outdoor events from 3-6 pm, Carrie Newcomer concert at 6 pm, \$20.

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

The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) is pleased to announce that Bethany Martin accepted our nomination to serve as a member of the Community Life Commission (CLC). Please share feedback and affirmation for Bethany to the SGDT by emailing your comments to Joyce at troyers_hj@hotmail.com by September 14. Also, please continue to pray for the CLC position that remains in process.

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

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.

Administration

Chair: Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shalom Orientation class (Sept 11 - Oct 16): Starting this Sunday, Brian will be leading a "newcomers" class which will introduce anyone who is interested to the Christian faith, the Mennonite Church, and Shalom specifically. Our first meeting will be held in the library, with a Zoom option available for those who want to participate from home. If you are interested in participating in this class in September and October but can't make it to all of the sessions, that's ok. Reach out to Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com and we will find a way to accommodate you!

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

The **MCC Bike Michiana** tour at Amigo Centre is just 2 weeks away. I am again planning to participate, and I am requesting your sponsorship contributions. This year's project will be directed to assisting farmers in Haiti with climate change mitigation.

Because of a fiasco involving some lost checks, and because of the delays encountered in processing in prior years, Amigo Centre is requesting that sponsorship checks be sent directly to the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen. Checks should be payable to : **MCC** and mailed directly to **MCC Great Lakes Regional Office, 1013 Division St., Goshen, IN 46528**. Please include memo line **MCC Bike Michiana** and specify **John Amstutz sponsorship**. Please notify me of your sponsorship and amount contributed by email to obojohn@gmail.com Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make this my \$30 000 year.

Crop Walk

It's time to start thinking about participating in the Crop Walk, the walk happens in October! You can walk and or donate to the cause. Any money donated will go to around world with Church World Service (CWS) to help fight hunger. You can allocate your donation to go to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) too. Funds raised helps global communities flourish: \$20 supplies seeds for a community garden in Nicaragua; \$100 provides four families in Indonesia with chickens and use of a shared incubator; \$325 provides six goats to families in Haiti as source of milk and income; \$850 builds an elevated hand pump in Myanmar for year-round access to clean, safe water.

We walk because they walk miles to just get a good supply of water for their families. The walk is virtual again this year due to COVID so you can choose where you walk and who to walk with; you could also split up the walk if you needed to. It is a 3 miles walk in October anytime. Link below to register and to donate! Thank you in advance!

Any questions just email myself, Julie Sanders. Juliekins7182@hotmail.com Due to myself being due with baby girl Sanders in October my Dad, Herb Troyer, could be another contact person. If I do not respond in the timely manner you can email Herb at troyers_hj@hotmail.com.

To register: click on the link and start by joining Shalom Mennonite Church's team. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/indianapolisin>

To donate: click on the same link above!

Dear friends at Shalom, thank you for your continuing support of the work of MCC through your recent donations, as well as your ongoing assistance at putting together kits and comforters, volunteering at relief sale and prayers! With your support, our partners are in 45 countries, providing a healing presence in Ukraine, helping farmers adapt to climate change in Bolivia, and offering peacebuilding and psychosocial support for traumatized Syrians in Lebanon. Closer to home, MCC is supporting flood victims in Appalachia and victims of gun violence in Chicago. Together, we are sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Thank you for your part in this ministry! – Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

Thank you!!
Les Gustafson-Zook

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

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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