

The Commission Chairs of the Shalom Mennonite Church met by Zoom on January 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Herb & Joyce Troyer, Cheryl Martin, Martha Yoder, Zenebe Abebe, Brittany & Brian Bither, and Frank Kandel.

The various Commission Chairs reported as follows:

- Martha shared that the Discipling Commission is preparing for the upcoming Sunday School Class on gender and sexuality. The class will run for 7 weeks and provide a brief intro and opportunity for discussion.
- Zenebe reported that Sabrina Falls has now joined the Outreach Commission along with Marilyn Teel and Brad Yoder--the group is planning to meet soon. Pastor Brian, who also serves with the commission reported that Indiana AID is finally able to make contact with people at the Clay County Jail.
- Mike Wigginton shared that the Administrative Commission is exploring possibilities for new signage at the church. Also, before Spring they hope to have more information on resurfacing the parking areas. It was also mentioned that it would be good to pursue upgrading of the website.
- Brittany said that the Worship Commission will soon be sending out a survey inviting person to offer their gifts. Other Commissions are welcome to update their needed gifts list as well. This could include new needs that have surfaced during the changes caused by the pandemic. In an effort to improve Sunday

Morning worship different types of music leadership will be offered on the various Sundays each month.

- Pastor Brian asked for feedback on the recent sermon that included opportunity for discussion in breakout rooms during the sermon. A number of comments were shared.
- It was shared that the informal sharing on Zoom after the worship service has been helpful and it was wondered how this could be continued after we resume in person worship.
- Pastor Brian shared that he and Pastor Craig will be preaching from the lectionary for the next while. Also, on one upcoming Sunday Monica Miller, the new Pastor at FMC, will be preaching at Shalom while Craig preaches at FMC.
- Joyce is arranging a meeting of the Gifts Discernment Group to suggest names of delegates for IN-MI Mennonite Conference and for MCUSA.
- Herb shared that the Community Life Commission's next meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Cheryl reported on the latest meeting of VAT and said an announcement would soon be coming on the possible resumption of in-person gathering.

**Next Meeting of Commission Chairs: Feb 24, 6:00 p.m.**