

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 27, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (7/24), Brian reflected on how we deal with the emotion of anger as Christians, with Ephesians 4:26-32 as a key text.

This Sunday (7/31), Craig will be preaching from Hosea 11:1-11 looking at God's continual call for humanity to be reconciled.

Next Sunday (8/7), Craig will bring the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 31, 9:30 am Worship and Sunday School

Persons who plan to attend the adult Sunday School on July 24 and 31 will need a Bible. You can bring your own or use a pew Bible.

Monday, August 8 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Downtown Starbucks, 430 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Wednesday, August 10 6pm – VAT meeting.

Monday, August 15 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Wednesday, August 17, 6pm – Commissions Chairs meeting.

Monday, August 22 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Monday, August 29 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Saturday, October 8, 2022, starting at 8:30 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

Thur, July 28 -- Emily Ludden

Sat, July 30 -- Jim & Cheryl Martin, 1967
Mon, Aug 1 -- Abri & Justin Hochstetler, 2009

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

Summer Children's Sunday School – June 5 through August 28

Just two dates left for summer: Thank you Frank! Frank will be covering July 31 so our two open dates are Aug 21 and Aug 28. Email harms.laura@gmail.com to sign up.

- **Aug 21 and 28**

July 17	Frank Kandel
July 24	Taylor Miller
July 31	Frank Kandel
Aug 7	Laura Harms
Aug 14	Carol Bixler
Aug 21	
Aug 28	

Fall Children's Sunday School

In September, we will go back to a more structured classroom approach to Sunday School. Teachers are needed for ages 2-3, pre-K, elementary and youth. Please consider becoming a co-teacher to work as a team from Sept - Dec.

Adult Education schedule

July 31 Music in the Hebrew Bible, part 2, by Wilma Bailey. Persons who plan to attend the adult Sunday School on July 24 and 31 will need a Bible. You can bring your own or use a pew Bible.

August 7 Music in the Hebrew Bible, part 3, by Wilma Bailey

August 14 Intergenerational activity: adults and children will process caps and lids for our junior-sized picnic table

August 21 Racial caucus session

August 28 Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo will share about their work in Quito, Ecuador

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

Caps Update

Thank you! But it's time to STOP! We are stopping the collection of caps for now. We are shifting to sorting, you are welcome to come help sort, we have a station set up in the Fellowship room. When you're not sure of a cap put it in the "?" bag. If you have any questions reach out to Becky, Mike, Herb, Joyce, Chuck. We will be having a formal training later this summer. Again, thanks for the caps!

Family Promise Donations

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49afaa23a5f94-apartment>

Other details:

- New items are great. Used are great too (think Goodwill!).
- Deliver them between now and Friday, 7/29, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Day Center at 1850 N Arsenal Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46218.
- OR order online to that same address.
- Do we need furniture, art, or stuff not on the list? Nope, we don't have capacity.

END GUN VIOLENCE RALLY at the Statehouse, Monday, August 1, 12 pm. Indiana legislators are convening at the Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, for a special session to address abortion laws and direct payments to taxpayers. As they legislate 'pro-life' issues, we ask, "What could be more 'pro-life' than ending gun violence?" Join Moms Demand Action-IN/Everytown for Gun Safety in the 2nd Floor North Atrium of the Statehouse, Monday, August 1, at noon to demand legislators repeal permitless-carry and introduce laws to end gun violence (background checks on all gun sales, secure gun storage). Please also contact Governor Holcomb and your State Senator and State Rep to let them know your views on these matters. Find your legislator at <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

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

Pastor Brian is going to be on vacation for 2 weeks, from Monday, July 25 through Sunday, August 7. During this time, please direct any pastoral questions and concerns to Pastor Craig at craig@shalommennonite.com.

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

Starting in June, there will be no assigned nursery workers for the summer. Based on the current children using the nursery, usually a parent has preferred to stay there with them already. Please feel free to make use of the nursery as needed.

We are very happy to inform you that we moved to Silver Spring, Maryland on Friday and are settling in well. Our apartment is about 15 minutes by bus for Debora to be at school and 30 minutes for Raphaël to his office. Raphaël started in person on Monday. And I am getting ready to resume classes.

We would like to thank the congregation for the commissioning and prayers. We will be at worship on zoom next Sunday.
Blessings.

Debora and Raphael

A food delivery will be made to **Morning Star in Muncie** next week. If you have non-perishable items to contribute, please bring to church this Sunday or call Frank Kandel for pick-up. 309-532-2859

Check out the latest MennoExpressions at <https://www.indymenno.org/mennoexpressions-volume-35-no-1/>
MennoExpressions is published by First Mennonite Church, our sister church across town, and often also has input from folks at Shalom. Read and enjoy!

We are gathering items for Mennonite Central Committee school kits in July and August on the table across from the mailboxes. Bags are provided. The contents are:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. **All metal** sharpeners can be found online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Bazic.com](https://www.bazic.com), or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners** please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

The **MCC Bike Michiana** tour at Amigo Centre is just 8 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.

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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