

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 30, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (3/20), was the fourth Sunday of Lent, and Brian preached about the freedom of confession from Psalm 32.

This Sunday (4/3), is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Craig will be preaching from John 12:1-8 about Mary's response of worship, service, and devotion to Jesus.

Next Sunday (4/10), is the final Sunday of Lent. Craig will look at the story of the palms from Luke 19:28-40.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 with Sunday School following

Adult Sunday School will be in the sanctuary and will also be available on Zoom.

Thursday April 14, 7 PM Maundy Thursday service at the church.

Monday, April 18 from 8:30a to 2:30p - Brian's Roving Office - Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Monday, April 25 from 8:30a to 2:30p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Monday, May 9 from 8:30a to 2:30p - Brian's Roving Office - Fishers Panera Bread, 8510 E 96th St Suite A, Fishers, IN 46038

Monday, May 16 from 8:30a to 2:30p - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 U.S. Hwy 31 N, Greenwood, IN 46142

As we begin meeting in person, 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

Fri, April 1 -- Becky Wigginton

Tue, April 5 -- Herb Troyer

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Sunday School classes offered:

PreK class for 3-5yr olds not enrolled in school - Taught by Carol Weaver with Tania Goodloe

Early Elementary for K-3rd grade - Taught by Debora Akotonou with Rose Love

JYF/MYF for 6th-12th grade - Co-taught by OlaJowon Turentine and Frank Kandel with Julie Sanders

Older MYF students will also be invited to join an adult class if they prefer.

For any questions you can contact Laura Harms

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April 3, 10, 24: OlaJowon will lead us in Bible study using tools from BibleProject.com

April 17, Easter, no Sunday school for adults or children

Sunday school option for April 3

VAT. DC. AC. CLC. WC. OC. SGDT. If you don't understand the acronyms of Shalom's alphabet soup, please come to the library this Sunday, April 3. Representatives of Shalom's structure will discuss their responsibilities and answer questions. Those who weren't attending Shalom prior to the pandemic are specifically invited, but everyone is welcome. If you wish to attend on Zoom, click to join the breakout room during Sunday School after worship.

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

As we begin to gather in person for worship, there are some guidelines we will need to follow. These guidelines are meant to help us worship safely without causing illness to our fellow church members. We have planned these guidelines to be respectful to each other, to show our love for one another, and to help others feel safe. Thank you for showing your love and respect for one another in these ways.

1. Please do not attend services if you are feeling ill in any way.
2. All persons must wear a mask during the entire service and while in the building.
3. We request that only fully vaccinated individuals (if eligible for vaccination) attend services.
4. Please space yourselves in the sanctuary so there is sufficient distance between groups and individuals.
5. There will not be a coffee time between church and Sunday school at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As long as COVID-19 cases stay relatively low, Brian is going to resume his practice of holding a "Roving Office" on Mondays, where he works remotely from a Panera or coffee shop somewhere in the city. The schedule is posted on this newsletter. If you would like to recommend another place for him to go, email him at brian@shalommennonite.com.

Pastor Brian is going to be on vacation from Monday, March 28 through Sunday, April 3. Please direct all pastoral concerns to Pastor Craig during that time at craig@shalommennonite.com.

At the end of April, I will be getting rid of my Mom's hospital bed to make room for another one. Anyone who's interested must be able to come to our home & pick up the bed. Any questions, please contact me at:

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Thank you, Barbara Abebe

People of Shalom we would like to hear from you! We are looking for people to write reflections for *Journeying Together*. It can be a story, an experience, a poem, or a response to a piece of Scripture. If you would like to give a try sometime email the office at, office@shalommennonite.com and we would be happy to schedule a week for 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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Psalm 63:1-8 NRSV

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

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