

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 13, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (7/10), Brian will be preaching about avoiding toxic controversy from Titus 3:3-11

This Sunday (7/10), Brian is going to begin preaching the first of several sermons that reflect on how we deal with various emotions as Christians. This week, we will focus on sadness, with Psalm 42 and John 11:16-37 as key texts.

Next Sunday (7/17), Brian is going to reflect on how we deal with the emotion of anger as Christians, with Ephesians 4:26-32 as a key text.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 17, 9:30 am Worship and Sunday School

Monday, July 18 from 9am to 3pm - Brian's Roving Office - Midtown Panera Bread, 6055 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Tuesday, July 19 6 pm -- Community Life Commission Meeting
6 pm – Outreach Commission Meeting

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

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 14 -- Andrew & Melissa Walsh Martin, 2018

Mon, July 18 -- Carl & Grace Rhine, 1987

Wed, July 20 -- Wilma Ann Bailey

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

Specific URGENT needs:

- Teachers to plan and conduct a Creative Connection activity for **July 24**.

Our kids have enjoyed crafts, music, planting, and games. We have four open Sundays left and need adults to plan activities. We can have extra hands / support adults in place to help you. Lesson books are also available in the classroom marked "Pre-K."

During Laura's travels in July, please email Martha Yoder if you can help.

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

Adult Education schedule

We will be having our racial caucus sessions on July 17. There are several changes:

1. The People of Color caucus will meet in the youth room, to the right at the front of the sanctuary. A Zoom option will be available.
2. The white caucus will divide in two as before. One group will meet at the front of the sanctuary and will also include folks on Zoom. The second group (which met in the back of the sanctuary last time) will meet on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Staying with the same group is recommended but not required.

July 17 Racial caucus session

July 24 Music in the Hebrew Bible, part 1, by Wilma Bailey

July 31 Music in the Hebrew Bible, part 2, by Wilma Bailey

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

New Rock Youth Center

We want to inform you about a change of date for the New Rock Youth Center Grand Opening date.

We initially published the grand opening date as June 28. Now that date has changed, and please mark your calendar for Saturday, **July 23, between the hours 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

The new building is located just north of the Eastern Star Church campus, between **30th** street and Massachusetts Street. **The address is 5750 east 30th ST.**

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!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Selecting a Congregational Representative

If you have not submitted nominations for the Congregational Representative to the Vision and Accountability Team, please email (troyers_hj@hotmail.com), text, or call (317-446-4353) Joyce Troyer up to 3 selections ASAP. Thank you to the 19 who have submitted their nominations!

Each year the Shalom congregation selects a Congregational Representative (CR) to replace the CR who has completed their three year term serving on the Vision and Accountability Team (VAT). Everyone who has attended Shalom at least three times in the past three months is encouraged to participate in this selection process. A thorough explanation is at the top of the nomination form; **time is extended until July 17.** If you are unable to download the form, please email, text, or call Joyce Troyer troyers_hj@hotmail.com or 317-446-4353.

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

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.

Attached is an update from the Edou's.

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.

For those of you who enjoy attending the Michiana Relief Sale at the Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds in September, please note that there may not be a garage sale this year due to lack of volunteers. If you would have interest and time to help out, or know of someone that might, let me know or have them contact me. About 6 volunteers would be needed at the sales tables Friday night (not exactly sure of the time, but around 7 – 9 pm) and again Saturday from 7am – about 2 pm. Or, if sorting and pricing interests you, that happens mostly on Friday – the more volunteers available, the easier it goes. At around 2 pm on Saturday, a truck from The Depot - an MCC Thrift Store in Goshen - comes and picks up whatever is left. Volunteers are helpful to get the items boxed and ready for pickup. Linda Showalter

Luke, Rachel, and Margaret Yoder Penner and Mil and Ruth Penner are so happy to announce the birth of Oscar Daniel on July 4 in Goshen Indiana. He weighed 8 lb. and 8 oz. Very healthy and blessed.

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

In our prayers for you we always thank God, Colossians 1:3a NRSVUE

I had a wonderful week spent with family and friends, it was a fun and relaxing vacation, and I am very thankful for the time to be with them. During my drive back to Indy, I spent some time thanking God for my mom and others I spent time with. I often find myself in prayer while driving for an extended period. I then remembered a good friend of mine, a retired Church of the Brethren pastor, who became a good friend and a mentor in some ways in my first years out of seminary. He loved Biblical Greek, and in birthday cards, and other cards, he'd sometimes write a Scripture in Greek for me to translate. I remember one time it was the line above from Colossians, "In our prayers for you we always thank God." Remembering this I gave thanks to God for my dear friend who past a couple years ago.

My prayers soon changed as someone cut me off. I may or may not have had a thought that was the opposite of thankful. I have since wondered about thankfulness and prayer. In the past few days I have been more mindful of thankfulness in prayer, especially for the people I have been praying for. I hope that this becomes a lasting practice in my prayer life. For it does not always come to mind in prayer. I've wonder at times how to lament while still having a thought of thankfulness. In times of crises am I thankful? In times of hurt am I thankful? In times of anger, am I thankful? Do I need to be thankful in all of those times? I'm not sure, but I do feel inclined to think that I should be as I hear Jesus' words which I will paraphrase from the Sermon on the Mount, even the sinners and tax collectors love those who love them, what more are you doing?

Indeed, what more am I doing? -- Craig

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