

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 14, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (12/11), was the third Sunday of Advent, Craig brought the message from Matthew 11:2-11, looking for God in unexpected ways.

This Sunday (12/18), is the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we are going to be studying the virgin birth prophecy in Isaiah 7:10-16 as a call to take substantial steps of faith in the anticipation of Christ's coming - something that Mary and Joseph had to do right from the beginning.

Next Sunday (12/25), is Christmas, and we will be serving coffee and pastries at 9:30am and have a special service beginning at 10am. The theme will be on the joy of the shepherds - a joy in which we can still participate more than 2,000 years later.

Pictures. As our church family grows, we all want to be able to connect names with faces. We plan to make a bulletin board that has current pictures of everyone who attends regularly along with their names. On Sundays, you may find Jeanne Smucker asking you to pose for a picture to go on the new bulletin board. If you have a photograph that you prefer to use, please give it to her. Otherwise, smile and get your picture taken. Thanks.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School.

Coffee and teatime between Worship and Sunday School will be downstairs. The coffee time clean up for December are those whose last name begins with K-M.

Wednesday, December 21 at 7 pm, Longest Night Service in the sanctuary. We are surrounded in this season by the sounds and sights of joy – family gatherings, parties, and laughter. Many of us are reminded, by the very nature of the Christmas season, of those who are absent from our family circles. All are welcome to attend this Advent service.

Monday, January 2 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office at Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

Thursday, January 12, 6 pm Commission Chairs

Tuesday, January 17, 7 pm Community Life Commission

Monday, January 23 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office at Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Monday, January 30 from 9a to 3p Brian's Roving Office at Fishers Panera Bread - 8510 E 96th Street, Fishers, IN

Monday, February 6 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at East Side Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

Monday, February 13 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Downtown Starbucks, 430 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN

Monday, February 27 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

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, Dec 15 -- Reuben Maust

Sat, Dec 17 -- Aliyah Wigginton

Sun, Dec 18 -- Laura Harms & Erik Rosales, 1999

Wed, Dec 21 -- Solomon & Sheila Y. Abebe, 1997

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Children's Sunday School

Bathroom/Hall assistant - We have enough Hall Assistants to get us started. Thank you!

Co-teaching roles are filled for January - May 2023

Thank you to all those who carefully considered how you could care for and instruct our children.

Pre-K: Beverly/Rose/Laura

Elementary: Frank/Rod

Youth: Jeanne and Brad

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

Administration

Chair: Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Anyone who is without plans for Christmas Day are invited to share lunch and fellowship with us in our home. Ham and potatoes are on the menu; time will be determined by when church is over. Please let us know if you can join us. Jim and Linda – showalter@indy.rr.com, 317-542-1625

The obituary for Chris Deiter's mother can be found here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/sonja-deiter-11054911#remembering>

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.

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