

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 22, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (6/19), Wilma brought the message from Revelation 22:1-6a about the Tree of Life

This Sunday (6/26), Brian will be preaching from 2 Kings 2 about "Taking up the Mantle"

Next Sunday (7/3), Craig will be bringing the message from 2 Kings 5 about humility in seeking wholeness

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 25, 2022 8:30 am wood chipping at the church. More details in the Administration section.

Sunday, June 26, 9:30 am Worship and Sunday School following

Monday, June 27 from 9am to 3pm - Brian's Roving Office - Greenwood Panera Bread, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Monday, July 11 from 9am to 3pm - Brian's Roving Office - Fishers Panera Bread, 8510 E 96th St, Unit A, Fishers, IN

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

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, June 24 -- Leo Maust

Sat, June 25 -- Arlene Miller

Sun, June 26 -- Cheryl Martin

Sun, June 26 -- Katy Maust

Wed, June 29 -- Brian & Brittany Bither, 2012

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 cyodermaust@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

Creative Connection - Would you be willing to sign up for one Sunday a month (or even just one Sunday over the summer!) and plan for a 45-60 minute, multi-age activity? It is a great opportunity to connect with our energetic, creative, caring kids. Find a partner and plan a craft. Grab a teen and organize a scavenger hunt. Bring a stack of books. Plant some flowers or vegetables. Tackle the caps-sorting project (or one small part of it).

We have extra hands / support adults in place for Creative Connection but need volunteers to plan and lead activities.

Email Laura with the dates you can cover. harms.laura@gmail.com

June 5	Laura Harms
June 12	Brian Bither
June 19	Brittany Bither (to be confirmed)
June 26	Frank Kandel
July 3	No Sunday School
July 10	Frank Kandel
July 17	

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

Adult Education schedule

- June 26 Wilma Bailey will report on the special delegate session in May.
- July 3 No Sunday school for adults or children
- July 10 Dr. Renne Bacon will speak with us

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.**

Family Promise began a meal delivery process to assist the homeless families who have been awarded apartments through the program. Here is how to participate.... please click on the link--
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49afaa23a5f94-2022>

HCV newsletter is attached.

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

Saturday morning we'll get started about 8:30AM. Be prepared for a warm day. Hearing protection and gloves are advised. Sunscreen and bug spray if you need it. We'll have water and Herb and Becky tell me we can crank up a grill and have some hot dogs or similar at lunch. I'll bring a chainsaw but don't know if we'll do any more cutting. If time permits, we may spread mulch on the woods trail. – Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Many thanks to the Shalom community for providing over three and a half years of support for the Trochez/Hernandez family. We began providing financial assistance in November 2018 and other types of support started before that! We have had a high level of engagement across Shalom by people willing to provide transportation, donate funds, reach out and develop personal relationships, write letters of support, refer the family to needed services and more. We saw the family through their time of separation and helped bring them together in Indianapolis. We watched the girls graduate with top honors from high school and go on to college. Although our

financial assistance to the family will end in July, we know that the deep connections will only grow. A BIG THANK YOU to all!

We appreciated the special acknowledgement Shaom gave to Marcela with the specially-made cake, words of prayer, cards, and many, many words of encouragement for her next stage in life. Thank you!

Indiana AID sends a hearty THANK YOU to Shalom for your generosity, which once again has kept our program operational. As Brian mentioned two weeks ago, we had almost run out of funding when we made an appeal for additional donations, and we received over \$7,000 in donations in response to that appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cause; we will use every penny to assist immigrants who have been detained by ICE in the Clay County jail. ~ Brian

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. If you were previously assigned to work the nursery in June, you are no longer expected to be present.

Calling all teachers, artists, picture-takers, and creative-minded people!!

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help redo the bulletin boards in the church. One board previously had pictures of people who attend the church, but needs updating. The board by the nursery is open to whatever you feel would visually add to our worship. There is a board downstairs that needs updated with new pictures of all the children. The rest would be open for whatever creative ideas you may have. The worship commission is happy to support you and help with resources as needed. You do not need to commit to doing all of them. Just let us know which one you might be interested in transforming. Contact Brittany Bither brittany.n.bither@gmail.com if interested.

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 Spiritual Milestones at Shalom

I went up to Elkhart, Indiana for Annual Sessions last weekend, and during that time, I had several rich conversations, including one with a pastor who is currently guiding a church through transition. He told me that one of the first questions he likes to ask people at a new church is to name one memory of a particularly meaningful experience they've had at that church: a worship experience, an outreach event, an interpersonal connection, or any other spiritual milestone. It got me thinking, "What have been my most dearly held memories and experiences at Shalom?" Several examples come to mind, ranging from big events like the Peace Fest that we held many years ago, to personal conversations and connections I've had with other church members, including some very recent ones.

I want to encourage everyone reading this to take a few minutes to engage in this exercise as well. ***What memories stand out in your mind as times when God was clearly at work at Shalom? What drew you to our fellowship or kept you here? What has inspired and energized you at our church?*** Simply remembering these experiences and thanking God for them is a good practice, but even better is allowing them to guide us as we continue to do God's work together. If you feel so led, I encourage you to write down the experience and share it with someone in the worship commission (if it's worship related) or the community life commission (if it was a particular kind of social event) or even to submit it back to the "office" website so that the rest of our church community can read about it in Journeying Together. We spend a lot of time focusing on work that Shalom needs to do and ways that we need to grow – which is appropriate – but let us also thank God for the gifts we have here and the foundation that has already been laid! ~ Brian

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