

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 26, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (10/23), Craig finished the series in Amos looking at God's future offer of restoration in Amos 9.

This Sunday (10/30), Brian will be introducing a new sermon series on the book of Jonah, starting with the first chapter.

Next Sunday (11/6), Wilma Bailey will be preaching from Jonah 2.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 27, 1 pm Admin Commission Meeting

Sunday, October 30, 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School following.

Coffee and tea time between Worship and Sunday School will be served downstairs, please get your drink and don't linger/talk at the window! just keep moving to Sunday School! We can only do this if everyone helps, so the clean up schedule is those who's last name begins with A-B are to clean up in Oct. after Sunday School. --The Kitchen Group

Monday, October 31 (PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED TIME AND LOCATION) from 8:30a to 2:30p Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St., Indianapolis, IN

Monday, November 7 (PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED LOCATION) from 9a to 3p - Northwest Panera, 2902 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

Wednesday, November 9, 6 pm VAT

Thursday, November 10, 6 pm Commission Chairs

Monday, November 14 from 9a to 3p - Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Tuesday, November 15, 1 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 28 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Fishers Panera Bread - 8510 E 96th Street, Fishers, IN

Monday, December 5 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office at Downtown Starbucks (430 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN)

Bulletins are now attached with the Zoom link for those who are worshiping 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

Mon, Oct 31 -- Bethany Martin

Tue, Nov 1 -- Brad Yoder

Tue, Nov 1 -- Reuben & Katy Maust, 2014

Meal Train. As Bek is recovering from surgery the CLC has created a meal train to support them with a meal train. Follow this link to sign up: mealtrain.com/k0v8z0

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 the Illinois St Emporium for a 7am breakfast. 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. contact one of the group members for the next meeting time and place. 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, Bek and Dean Linsenmeyer, Becky and Mike Wigginton, and Chuck Dunn.

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Shalom Youth

Children's Sunday School Co-Teachers needed.

The ideal situation for our Pre-K and Youth classes would be to have a co-teacher that could cover about half the dates. If you can help, reach out to Laura or talk with Carol Weaver about PreK or Jeanne Smucker about youth.

Adult Education schedule

Sunday, October 30

- Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (1st session)

Sunday, November 6

- Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (2nd session)

Sunday, November 13

- Adult Sunday School: Anti-Racism Caucus Conversations

Sunday, November 20

-Adult Sunday School: Mission & Vision Discernment (3rd session)

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Lent/Thanksgiving Weekend, no

Sunday school for adults or children

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

HCGV newsletter is attached.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

The SGDT is thankful for the warm affirmation of the congregation for Beverly Smith as a member of the Community Life Commission.

Vision and Accountability Team

Chair: Cheryl Martin

Masks

The VAT met on Tuesday 9/13 and discussed mask wearing at church. The daily COVID-19 new infection rate is decreasing in the US. Because of this and the increase in vaccinations and the availability of receiving booster vaccines, it has been decided we will make masks optional starting with Sunday 9/18. We continue to ask you to stay home and worship on Zoom if you are sick. If you are feeling a bit unwell and attend church in person, please wear a mask. We want to keep each other safe.

We will continue to monitor the situation and masks may become mandatory again at some time if the situation warrents. We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and stay up to date with boosters as appropriate. We encourage the annual flu vaccine as well. We want everyone to stay healthy and well.

Administration

Chair: Mike Wigginton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prayer Vigil for Detained Immigrants. On Saturday, November 5 at 10am, Pastor Brian is going to be leading a prayer vigil for immigrants who are detained in the state of Indiana. This will be held outside of the Clay County jail at 611 E Jackson St, Brazil, IN, which is where most immigrants are detained after being arrested in our state. Please consider joining us in this appeal to God for intervention, which also serves as a symbol of solidarity for those in jail and a witness to the injustices committed at that facility for the larger Indiana community.

On November 13 our caucus groups will be reviewing a draft of proposed changes to Shalom's "Statement on Becoming an Anti-Racist Church." Even if you have not been attending the caucus sessions, please consider attending in order to give feedback and hear what others have to say.

The statement is attached to this newsletter.

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_ReooskuxUXA!

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 for the Journey

Preparing for Jonah

We will be starting a new sermon series on Johan this week and there is stark contrast to Amos which we have just finished. Jonah is a book that really speaks to me and the human condition of how individuals see themselves versus how we view others. There is a common tendency to be lenient on ourselves yet harder on others and Jonah shows that time and again. The book shows us how we might feel as we desire or expect God's grace while at the same time want or expect God to have a harsher standard in offering grace and forgiveness to other people or groups. I look forward to experiencing Jonah together as we continue to grow as God's people. -- Craig

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