

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 15, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (6/12), Craig finished off the sermon series of Hebrews in chapter 12.

This Sunday (6/19), Wilma will be preaching from Revelation 22:1-6a

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

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday June 19 carry-in after church. (See note below)

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.

June 19 - We are happy to welcome back the Carry-In or shall we say Carry-out! After Sunday School. We will be setting up only serving tables outside at the North entrance in the roundabout. Bring a nice outside dish to share. Maybe bring your own cooler if possible. We are asking everyone to bring their lawn chairs or blanket. Drinks will be provided. Disposable place settings will also be provided but we encourage you to bring your own if possible. The Fellowship group will be providing Cake, so maybe bring something other than dessert.

We will take this opportunity to honor Marcella Rosales-Harmsin for her High School graduation.

Come, bring a dish, chair and Congratulations for Marcella!

Celebrations

Fri, June 17 -- Bethany & Josh Martin, 2006

Sat, June 18 -- Jeanne Smucker & Brad Yoder, 2018

Mon, June 20 -- Carol & Sam Bixler, 1981

Tue, June 21 -- Jacob Martin

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 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 Wigginton, 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 Sunday School

On June 19, during the Sunday school hour, we will start our racial caucusing, also called racial identity caucusing. General guidelines at provided by Roots of Justice at <https://rootsofjusticetraining.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/white-caucus-faq.pdf> for white folks and at <https://rootsofjusticetraining.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/poc-caucus-info.pdf> for people of color.

Here's how it will look at Shalom:

1. Because we have a larger group of white people at Shalom, that group will initially use the sanctuary. People of color will meet in the adult classroom in the basement (currently marked "youth" but not being used by youth). (Rooms may change in the fall depending on how many classrooms are needed by the children and youth.) Please select your group based on your best assessment of your racial identity. If you are on Zoom, there will be a breakout room for white people and another breakout room for people of color.
2. In the sanctuary, I have asked Jeanne to start us off with an introduction to racial caucusing; we will divide into smaller groups for conversation. White people on Zoom may form their own conversation group or, if there are only a few, will be incorporated into one of the conversation groups in the sanctuary. Jim S. will provide a laptop for Zoom.
3. I am still working on identifying a facilitator for the meeting in the adult classroom. There will be a laptop there so that people of color who are participating from home can be included.
4. In both locations, nothing will be recorded. Some of what will be shared may be painful and sensitive, so please respect the privacy of the individual who is sharing, and do not share other people's stories without explicit permission.
5. Thank you for participating! This may be a new experience, especially for white folks, and there may be some challenging moments. Thanks for being willing to talk about race.
6. . There will undoubtedly be more to figure out as we go along. At this point we plan to hold these caucus conversations on the third Sunday of every month. Feel free to provide feedback to me about ways to improve our conversations about race and identity.

Sunday June 26, Wilma Bailey will share about last month's special delegate meeting during the Adult Ed hour

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

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>

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

Folks who park behind the building may not pay much attention to it, but Shalom Mennonite has a sign in front of the building. The sign has been there a long time and needs updating. The administrative commission is investigating the possibility of contracting installation a new sign electronic sign. We have received an estimate of up to \$22,000 for a new sign. This cost would include constructing a new electronic sign, costs for permits, etc. At the last commission chairs meeting this proposal generated a lot of discussion. Now we would like to hear your thoughts. We have always had a church sign. Do we still need a sign? If we need a sign, should we pursue the current proposal or consider other alternatives? Please contact Sam Bixler, Tim Ludden, Craig Oury or Mike Wigginton with your thoughts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Indiana AID - Shalom was instrumental in getting Indiana AID started. Besides signing an MOU with Indiana AID that allows us to use several of Shalom's resources, it was the donations of members from our church that gave Indiana AID the money to get going. Every phone call we make and message we send to communicate with people in detention costs money - and that is how the majority of the money that was donated has been spent. The rest of the money has been used to purchase food, medicine, books, and post-release support for the people who are detained. It has gone a long way!

We have been actively fundraising in the past several months by visiting churches, exploring partnerships with other agencies, and applying for grants, but we came to a point this past week where our balance approached \$0. We are expecting some funds to come in soon, but once again, we come to Shalom to see if you could help us continue the work by donating to the cause. To give to Indiana AID, you can write a check to "Shalom Mennonite Church" with "Indiana AID" in the memo line, or you can go to shalommennonite.com, select the "Giving" tab at the top, choose the amount you want to donate, and then select Indiana AID as the fund where you'd like to send your money. Thanks for considering this! ~ 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_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 ON THE JOURNEY Stop and Smell the Crushed Grapes

John 2:5-11 NRSVUE

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Jesus' very first miracle, yet very few people even knew it happened! How could something so amazing go relatively unnoticed! I thought this odd at first, but then again it really is so fitting. How many great things does God do in the world today that many people do not notice? How many wonderful things has God done among us that we ourselves haven't noticed?

But Jesus is well, Jesus. This was his way. He wasn't in the catering business where he wanted everyone to know who brought this wine to the event. He could have called for everyone's attention, announcing to all that He was about to turn water into wine. He could have been much more dramatic, waving His hands over the waterpots, and then personally presenting the "good wine" to the head steward. In fact, Jesus does not seem to even touch the waterpots or the wine. He simply gives instructions to the servants to fill the pots and to serve the contents. If you had interviewed the head steward or any of the guests and asked what they thought of the celebration, they probably would have said: "Oh, it was a really nice celebration, and the wine at the last was really something." Most of the people never knew a miracle had taken place. It seems that only Mary, the servants, and the disciples were aware of what happened. My impression is that the servants knew "what" happened, but they were not sure exactly "how" it happened, so they simply kept quiet, scratching their heads with wonder.

Jesus' miracle went fairly unnoticed. People noticed that all of a sudden there was this wonderful wine, but the miracle went mostly unknown. The servants and disciples knew what Jesus did, but nobody else had a clue. I think this is a good reminder for us to take time throughout every day to quite ourselves and to look and see what God is doing because we can so easily miss it. – Craig

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