

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 3, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (7/31), Craig preached from Hosea 11:1-11 about God's continue call for reconciliation.

This Sunday (8/7), Craig will be preaching from John 14:11-14. Craig will be looking at prayer and what is meant by Jesus saying, "ask anything in my name and I will do it"

Next Sunday (8/14), Brian will bring the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 7, 9:30 am Worship followed by Sunday School

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

Wednesday, August 17, 6pm – Commissions Chairs meeting.

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, September 10 Greenfest featuring Carrie Newcomer A mingling of art, eco-justice, and Spirituality. Outdoor activities from 3-6 pm indoor concert at 6 pm. Sacred Earth @ Cumberland, 116 S. Muessing St., Cumberland, IN 46229

Saturday, October 8, 2022, starting at 9 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 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

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 Wigginton, and Chuck Dunn

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Summer Children's Sunday School – June 5 through August 28

Just two dates left for summer: Our two open dates are Aug 21 and Aug 28. Email harms.laura@gmail.com to sign up.

- **Aug 21 and 28**

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

Fall Children's Sunday School

In September, we will go back to a more structured classroom approach to Sunday School. Teachers are needed for ages 2-3, pre-K, elementary and youth. Please consider becoming a co-teacher to work as a team from Sept - Dec.

Adult Education schedule

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

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 "2" 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!

Green Festival featuring Carrie Newcomer Saturday September 6. Free outdoor events from 3-6 pm, Carrie Newcomer concert at 6 pm, \$20. See attached flyer.

Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence (HCGV) works to bring together Hoosiers who seek solutions to the rising tide of gun violence across our state and nation. Through the new LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION, Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence will strengthen participation in gun violence prevention among high school and college age people in Indiana. The program will increase young people's knowledge in dynamics of gun violence and prevention, the legislative process and policy advocacy, development of skills for positive peer influence, and for bringing about public action.

Right now, HCGV is planning to lay a firm foundation for the youth leadership program, including strategic community collaborations and sustainable funding.

Go the HCGV website to contribute to the efforts of young people in Indiana who care deeply about stopping gun violence and who want to step up to make a difference in their communities. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

The SGDT is grateful that Wilma Bailey has agreed to be a member on the Discipling Commission. Per the congregational process, your feedback and affirmation is requested. Please send your comments to Joyce Troyer (troyers_hj@hotmail.com or text 317-446-4353) by August 7. Please pray for the positions that are still in progress: two members of the Community Life Commission and one VAT Congregational Representative.

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

This morning Melissa Walsh Martin gave birth to a boy. Mother and baby are doing well!

Pastor Brian is going to be on vacation for 2 weeks, from Monday, July 25 through Sunday, August 7. During this time, please direct any pastoral questions and concerns to Pastor Craig at craig@shalommennonite.com.

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.

The current Gospel Herald, the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference newsletter, is attached.

Sarah Palmatier, passed away Monday morning. She was one of the founding members of Shalom Mennonite. Sarah had been living with her daughter in Virginia.

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 or 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.

The **MCC Bike Michiana** tour at Amigo Centre is just 7 weeks away. I am again planning to participate, and I am requesting your sponsorship contributions. This year's project will be directed to assisting farmers in Haiti with climate change mitigation.

Because of a fiasco involving some lost checks, and because of the delays encountered in processing in prior years, Amigo Centre is requesting that sponsorship checks be sent directly to the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen. Checks should be payable to : **MCC** and mailed directly to **MCC Great Lakes Regional Office, 1013 Division St., Goshen, IN 46528**. Please include memo line **MCC Bike Michiana** and specify **John Amstutz sponsorship**. Please notify me of your sponsorship and amount contributed by email to obojohn@gmail.com Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make this my \$30 000 year.

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

Making Room

This morning I read the Gospel Evangel that was emailed to me this morning, the IN-MI Conference newsletter. In it I was reminded and encouraged by words from one of our conference ministers, Joanne Gallardo. So I will let her words be our reflection for us all today....Craig

Something that was said at our Special Delegate Assembly in May was that the number of young people who showed up was exciting, and that these folks aren't the "future" of the church, they are the church. And while Millennials like myself have been saying this for years, it is now time for us to recognize that Gen Z (ages 10-25) is growing and will, like the generations before them, try to find where the world's needs meet their passion. Can we make space in the church for those worlds to collide? My question to us pastors is, are we making room? While we try to create space for all different voices, do those voices include the youngest among us? Are Millennials given the power and authority to lead authentically by generations that came before? Are Millennials helping Gen Z find their footing by providing mentorship and space? – Joanne Gallardo from the third quarter Gospel Herald, 2022.

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