

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 1, 2022

### WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

**Last Sunday (5/29)**, Brian preached on the concept of the atonement as presented in Hebrews 9-10.

**This Sunday (6/5)**, Brian will be preaching on faith from Hebrews 11

**Next Sunday (6/12)**, Craig will be finishing off the sermon series of Hebrews by looking at the final chapters.

Full bulletins for Sunday morning worship services have resumed. In addition to the order of worship, Sunday School information, birthday/anniversary notices, calendar, etc., a section will be available for announcements. We ask that the announcements in the bulletin would pertain to Shalom congregational events; announcements for Journeying Together would be for broader community-based information.

### COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

### CALENDAR

Sunday June 5 worship at 9:30 am Sunday School following. Masks now required in worship again, please see notice in the VAT section.

Monday, June 6 from 9a to 3p - Brian's Roving Office - East Side Starbucks, 9605 Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Monday, June 13 from 9am to 3pm - Brian's Roving Office - Northwest Panera Bread, 2902 W 86th St Suite 220, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [pastors@shalommennonite.com](mailto: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**

Thur, June 2 -- Lorraine Harms

Thur, June 2 -- Jim & Linda Showalter

Sat, June 4 -- Peter & Delicia Bravo

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM to about 7:30 at the church. We try to meet outside when the weather is 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

Sunday School classes offered:

PreK class for 3-5yr olds not enrolled in school - Taught by Carol Weaver

Early Elementary for K-3rd grade - Taught by Debora Akotonou with Rose Love

JYF/MYF for 6th-12th grade - Co-taught by OlaJowon Turentine and Frank Kandel with Julie Sanders

Older MYF students will also be invited to join an adult class if they prefer.

For any questions you can contact Laura Harms

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

#### **Specific URGENT needs:**

- Teachers to plan and conduct a Creative Connection activity for **June 12 and 19.**
- Teacher to co-lead Song Time.

Part 1: Song Time for Kids

We could use a couple more singers or musicians to help with Children's Song Time. If we can get the needed co-leader, we'll be trying this out for the first 15-20 min of the Sunday School hour this summer (starting in June).

Part 2: Creative Connection

After song time we'd like the kids to have another activity. We have extra hands / support adults in place for Creative Connection but need volunteers to plan and lead activities. Would you be willing to sign up for one Sunday a month (or even just one Sunday over the summer!) and plan for a 30-45 minute multi-age activity? 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.

Email Laura with the dates you can cover. [harms.laura@gmail.com](mailto:harms.laura@gmail.com)

- June 12
- June 19
- July 17
- July 24
- July 31
- Aug 7
- Aug 14
- Aug 28

Adult Sunday School

June 5 and 12 We continue our study of Hebrews.

June 19 Our first racial caucus session.

**OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom**

Chair: Zenebe Abebe

**Natasha Diener** May 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

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 and 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**

Five hundred and six delegates were present at the Special Delegate Session of MCUSA including a number of high school students who served as youth delegates. Four resolutions were under consideration. The Resolution to drop the membership guidelines passed by a wide margin but with some dissent. The resolution for Repentance and Transformation passed but by a narrow margin. The Accessibility resolution passed without dissent. The Criminal Justice Study Resolution will proceed. A vote was not actually taken. In addition to the resolutions there were several worship services that focused on themes of peace and unity emphasizing that unity does not mean uniformity. Samuel Sarpiya was the preacher for the event.

Wilma Bailey

**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.

**Marcela** is graduating from Lawrence North High School on June 8. We are celebrating with an Open House on June 11th from 2-5 pm. No RSVP required but you can connect with Laura or Marcela if you have any questions.

**This message** is to inform the church family that my Mom has entered:  
Rosegate (Long-term Care)  
7510 Rosegate Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46237  
Room # 515-B

Thanks,  
Barb Abebe

**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](mailto:brittany.n.bither@gmail.com) if interested.

**Send information** for the weekly bulletin to Linda Showalter at [showalter@indy.rr.com](mailto:showalter@indy.rr.com). The deadline is 10 am on Thursday.

Do you have a drawing, photo, or other image that you would like to submit for use as artwork in the bulletin? We would love for you to share them with our church community. Feel free to submit ideas and artwork to Linda Showalter [showalter@indy.rr.com](mailto:showalter@indy.rr.com).

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!](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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [bixlersc@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Listen

James 1:19-20

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. NRSVUE

We are to be quick to listen to people. I'm sure we have all come across people who are quick to speak without putting thought into their words and or won't let others speak at all. James is imploring us to be ones who are quick to listen, and it is interesting that listening is showed to be the opposite of being quick to anger. Those who are not willing to listen are more likely to be quick to anger? I don't know, maybe. I suppose when you think about what listening is, listening gives us insight and understanding to another person which could hopefully damper the onset of anger.

Anyway, we are to be quick to listen. Listening is a big job. It is not as easy as it may appear. It takes effort, it takes patience, it takes time. But it is an important part of life. James is giving advice about how we respond to people. It is an aspect of wisdom. Listening is an art. It is also a deliberate decision to leave space for others to be and not to feel we have to fill in the gaps or exercise some kind of control. When we take the time to listen, to hear whatever is being said, it shows care. Listening is speaking without words which is saying to the other: I take you seriously. I care enough not to want to push you away with my explanations, defenses, my anger. – Craig

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