

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 29, 2022

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Brittany Bither

Last Sunday (6/26), Brian brought the message from 2 Kings 2 about "Taking up the Mantle"

This Sunday (7/3), Craig will be preaching from 2 Kings 5 about humility in seeking wholeness.

Next Sunday (7/10), Brian will be bringing the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 3, 9:30 am Worship and there will be **no Sunday School this week**

Pastor Craig will be on vacation from July 5 – July 11, please contact Pastor Brian for any needs that week, brian@shalommennonite.com Mike Wigginton will be compiling next weeks Journeying Together please email him any items at mikewigginton@gmail.com

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

Saturday, October 8, 2022, starting at 8:30 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 worshipping 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

Sun, July 3 -- Linda Showalter

Wed, July 6 -- Linda Kandel

Wed, July 6 -- Sydney Maust

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 Wiggington, and Chuck Dunn

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

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

Specific URGENT needs:

- Teachers to plan and conduct a Creative Connection activity for **July 17 and 24.**

Our kids have enjoyed crafts, music, planting, and games. We have four open Sundays left and need adults to plan activities. We can have extra hands / support adults in place to help you. Lesson books are also available in the classroom marked "Pre-K."

During Laura's travels in July, please email Martha Yoder if you can help.

June 5	Laura Harms
June 12	Brian/Brittany Bither
June 19	Laura Harms / Brittany Bither
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	Carol Bixler
Aug 21	Frank Kandel
Aug 28	

Adult Education schedule

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.**

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 "?" 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!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Chair: Joyce Troyer

Selecting a Congregational Representative

Each year the Shalom congregation selects a Congregational Representative (CR) to replace the CR who has completed their three year term serving on the Vision and Accountability Team (VAT). Everyone who has attended Shalom at least three times in the past three months is encouraged to participate in this selection process. A thorough explanation is at the top of the nomination form attached to this issue of Journeying Together. Paper copies of the forms are also available on the stand with bulletins in the foyer. Please select up to three individuals from the list on the form and communicate your selections to Joyce Troyer by one of these three means: email (troyers_hj@hotmail.com), mail (Joyce Troyer, 112 Glenwood Lane, Fishers, IN 46038), or church mail box (Joyce and Herb Troyer) **by July 10, 2022**. If you are unable to download the form and you can't get to the church building to pick up a paper copy, please email, text, or call Joyce Troyer (troyers_hj@hotmail.com or 317-446-4353). (Note: Although the paper copies at the church accidentally say 2021 in the title at the top, all information on the form is current for 2022.)

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

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.

Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism: three resources. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Assistant Professor Drew Strait, PhD, provides an overview of the destructive force of White Christian nationalism and offers practical tools for tough conversations. Available resources include a free webinar recording (60 minutes), a free group study video with discussion questions (30 minutes), and an online noncredit short course to be held April 12 – May 9, 2023, on Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace. ambs.edu/political-idolatry

Downey Avenue Christian Church is offering an in-person book study opportunity focusing on *Common Ground: Talking about Gun Violence in America*. The book is by a Disciples of Christ author. Rev. Donald Gaffney, who grew up in Newtown CT and attended Sandy Hook Elementary School. Profoundly affected by the mass shootings at the school in December 2012, Gaffney immersed himself in the issues surrounding gun violence, especially as it is discussed in the church. (He spoke in Indianapolis in 2017, and in Des Moines in 2019, in sessions of the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He offered to join the group in a Q&A video session after several classes have been completed.

The class will be held on four Wednesday nights in July at Downey Ave. Christian Church in Irvington. I have a limited number of the soft cover books for \$9.00. The book is available through the vendors shown on the bottom of the outline page. E-reader versions are available.

Downey Avenue welcomes participants from any church or no church at all.

Dennis Slaughter, 1012 N. Bancroft Street Indianapolis IN 46201 Cell 317-869-8281 jdslautk@gmail.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!

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

Rejoice in the Lord always

Last night in a retreat planning meeting (mark those calendars for October 8!) we talked about the theme for the retreat which is celebrating life together. Included in celebration is an element of joy and since last night I have had my dad's voice in my head. My dad was always on the cusp of singing a song, he was always prepared to burst into song when the moment struck. There were all sorts of songs he was ready to bellow; hymns, Scripture songs, Elvis the pelvis (he always added 'the pelvis'), and of course ones that he made up over time. Perhaps one day you'll hear the song which included a wonderful character named Craig, who, in fact, turns out to not actually be an egg. The specific song I hear my dad singing since last night was one that was often heard when someone in the house was grumpy or cranky, especially if it wasn't something serious. He'd sing, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice."

It is interesting to have that song, which we know is a verse as well, in my head all day. Rejoice in the Lord always. All day long I have been reminding myself to rejoice in the Lord. To be honest, I sometimes need that reminder and perhaps others do as well. Our world has so much that does not bring joy. Violence is happening throughout our country. Violence is happening all over our world. Wars are killing innocent people. A pandemic has been all around for more than two years, it can be hard to find joy in the world. But perhaps that

is all the more reason that we need to rejoice in the Lord because the world cannot meet that request. May we all find time to be joyful in the presence of the Living God. -- Craig

Philippians 4:4-8 NRSVUE

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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