

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 8, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, Aug 4

Jeanne Smucker brought the message. Ezra and Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem from Babylon/Persia to rebuild the temple and the city walls and gates. What structures in our lives need to be rebuilt and what walls are best left down?

### This Sunday, Aug 11

Kevin King of Mennonite Disaster Service will preach. His past experience as an MCC worker in Brazil 35 years ago and his recent visit in May inform these key questions that will be explored: As followers of Christ, we will be pursuing what does it mean to follow Christ? What is our calling? Scriptures include Psalm 33:12-20; Micah 6:8; Hebrews 11:1-3

### Next Sunday, Aug 18

Gladys Maina from Morning Star Church in Muncie will join us again to preach from her heart. She will draw out themes of setting the captive free from Luke 4: 26-31. Freedom has a price payable only by someone with power or resources. Freedom is only effective if the captive gets the information.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship  
11:00am Sunday School

Wed, Aug 14 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am  
Sat, Aug 24 – Bagels and Bards Writing Group, 4pm  
Wed, Aug 28 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am  
Sun, Sept 8 – Carry-In and Bridal Shower for Tim and Emily, 12pm  
Sun, Sept 15 – Fall Festival, 4pm

### Bagels and Bards

Bagels and Bards is a writers' group whose members are Dan Hess, Wilma Bailey, Jeanne Smucker, Jay Brubaker, Shari Miller Wagner (2016-17 Indiana Poet laureate) and Martha Yoder Maust. To celebrate the release of Shari's new book *The Firm Wife's Almanac*, we will be holding a reading at Shalom on Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 pm. Join us! (For more about the book, see <https://www.cascadiapublishinghouse.com/fwa/FWAnr.pdf>)

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder

### Children's Classroom Needs

With a quintet of two-year olds starting Sunday School next month, we will be furnishing a new classroom for the 3-to-6-year-olds, in the previous adult classroom #1. Do you have any children's chairs, tables, toys, or books to contribute to making it a friendlier place? Talk to Martha Yoder Maust or Carol Bixler.

### Adult Education

Aug 11: Kevin King on Mennonite Disaster Service  
Aug 18: Wilma, Rose, and Bob on their trip to Ecuador  
Aug 25: Wilma, Jeanne, and Brad on their trip to South Africa

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)

Chair: Joyce Troyer

### Discipling Member Affirmation

The SGDT is pleased to announce that Carol Bither has been affirmed to serve as a member of the Discipling Commission. She joins Martha Yoder Maust (chair), OlaJowan Turentine (member), and Brian Bither (Pastoral Team representative after his sabbatical).

### VAT Congregational Representative Selection

The Vision and Accountability Team (VAT) oversees the pastoral team and congregational vision (the attached document gives a more complete description). In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, who are selected by SGDT, the VAT includes 3 Congregational Representatives (CRs) who each serve 3 years on a rotating basis. Carl Rhine's term as CR is now ending and the congregation needs to select another representative. SGDT facilitates the process but does not select the individual. All active participants at Shalom participate in the selection. The person who receives the most nominations and agrees to serve becomes the CR.

Please read the attached VAT Selection 2019 document which provides details and the list of eligible congregational participants. If preferred, paper copies will be available at Shalom this Sunday, 8/11/19, at the back of the sanctuary. Prayerfully select up to 2 names and submit them either by email to Joyce Troyer ([trovers\\_hj@hotmail.com](mailto:trovers_hj@hotmail.com)) or place a paper copy in her Shalom mailbox. Each congregational participant should submit nominations. If a shared email is used to submit nominations, please have each user submit their individual selections. Note: no paper is needed if you respond by email. Please submit all nominations by 8/11/18.

### **VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)**

Chair: Brad Sommer

### Solar Panel Project – Congregational Vote Due Aug 11

The Vision and Accountability Team (VAT) began taking votes on the Solar Panel Proposal from the Outreach Commission Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The vote concerns the following statement: *"I am in favor of going ahead with the Solar Panel Proposal as presented on Sunday, July 21 with a contract involving Jefferson Electric, Inc. for \$79,942.50 - This amount will be paid by transferring \$40,000 from Shalom's Checking account (operating budget surplus) with the remaining balance to be paid by individual contributions."*

Those not present on Sunday, Aug 4 will be given an opportunity to send their vote to Carl

by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to the email address: [crhine@iu.edu](mailto:crhine@iu.edu)

Anonymous comments can be made on the voting ballot and will be provided to the Outreach Commission (comments will be separated from the vote portion of the ballot).

All people who attend Shalom are invited to vote! - Carl Rhine, VAT member

### **PASTORAL TEAM SEARCH COMMITTEE (PTSC)**

Chair: Brad Sommer

### Half-time Position Search

Multiple people have contacted PTSC with interest in the half-time pastoral position. We are in conversations with potential applicants and are collectively discerning God's will. Please pray for discernment for those who have expressed interest, those who have not yet come forward, and for the Pastoral Team Search Committee.

### **OUTREACH**

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

### Ecuador Sewing Project Funds

Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo shared during Sunday school about their work in Ecuador--work as varied as organizing a youth retreat, leading a workshop on reconciliation, leading after-school activities, and making cloth diapers for refugee babies. Here are a couple of follow-up items:

1. To give on-line to the diaper project you can go to this page: [https://mmngiving.formstack.com/forms/Global Ministries](https://mmngiving.formstack.com/forms/GlobalMinistries), first select that the donation is not for a specific worker, then choose All International Ministries, and then click "yes" to the question: "Would you like to make this donation in honor or in memory of someone?", there will be a box where you can add a comment; type in **LA 279 Ecuador Sewing Project**.  
With this kind of special project MMN retains 5% to cover administrative expenses.

2. To read Peter's article "The Colombian Peace Accords and the Church" go to

[http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal\\_entry/the-colombian-peace-accords-and-the-church/](http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal_entry/the-colombian-peace-accords-and-the-church/)

### Crop Walk

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>! The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crop Walk is this year in 2019!! Time to celebrate & get those donations to help stop hunger through out the world. The Crop Walk is a 3/5 mile walk/run that starts at the Indiana Interchurch Center on 1100 W 42<sup>nd</sup> St. The course takes you through Butler University campus and ends back at where you started! All the donations go to help stop hunger across the world. Sign in will start at 1pm with the walk starting at 2pm.

Shalom has always had great donations from within the church but I want to challenge you to see if we can get donations from outside of church too! And a great way to do that is through their website and online through social media! I have made Shalom's team already! So all you need to do is click on this link below & register yourself and find Shalom Mennonite Church when you search for our team!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/indianapolisin>

Julie Sanders will have the packets to give out next Sunday, 8/18! But I would urge you to register online early and start collecting donations! If you have any questions about the Crop Walk email Julie at [Juliekins7182@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliekins7182@hotmail.com). This will be her first year being Shalom's team leader but has participated in walking in the walk for a while now (for about 15 years now!)

### Plastic Caps & Lids for First Mennonite

Keep these coming for First Mennonite so they can get a bench for their playground like Shalom's. You have been so good at helping with their project! We have given 4 big bags to them so far.

### "Paris to Pittsburgh" Film

Downey Avenue Christian Church will show this film Aug 16 at 7:00pm. This film is promoted by our national organization Interfaith Power & Light as a way to show good examples of what people and communities are doing because of their own commitment to the intent of the Paris Agreement. Admission is free. A discussion will follow.

### World Day of Prayer for Creation Care

Holy Spirit Catholic Church will host a prayer service celebrating the Pope Francis World Day of Prayer for Creation Care on Sunday, Sept 1 at 6:30pm. Holy Spirit is located at 7243 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. All are welcome.

### Shalom's Photo Board

It is time for an update! We have new people who are not pictured and updates are needed for some families. Marilyn Teel will be taking the photos and making the needed additions and changes.

### Sharing Space

In August, we have two projects for Mennonite Central Committee.

For "My Coins Count," we have a large container at the rear of the sanctuary.

We already have 27 school kits put together! The metal pencil sharpeners are being purchased separately. Other items to go into the kits are:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new, unsharpened pencils
- 1 flexible 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

## **Reflections On Pilgrimage**

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Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com)