

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 22, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Aug 18

Gladys Maina from Morning Star Church in Muncie joined us to preach from her heart. She drew out themes of setting the captive free from Luke 4: 21-26. Freedom has a price payable only by someone with power or resources. Freedom is only effective if the captive gets the information.

This Sunday, Aug 25

Pastor Frank Kandel will bring the message. He will be preaching several times over the next few months from the life and writings of Paul.

Next Sunday, Sept 1

Pastor Sabrina Falls will preach. The sermon, based on John 4:1-30; 39-42, will reflect on "living water," the "gift of God," and how what Jesus offers extends to all of God's children.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

Sat, Aug 24 – Bagels and Bards Writing Group, 4pm
Wed, Aug 28 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am
Sun, Sept 1 – No Sunday School
Thurs, Sept 5 – Meal and Bible Study, 6:30-8pm
Sun, Sept 8 – Carry-In and Bridal Shower for Tim and Emily, 12pm
Wed, Sept 11 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am
Sun, Sept 15 – Fall Festival, 5pm

Farewell

On Sept 1 a farewell time of cake and coffee for Mil and Ruth Penner is planned for after worship. This will be their last Sunday at Shalom before moving to Denver, CO.

Potluck and Bridal Shower

On Sept 8, the noon potluck will include a Bridal Shower for Emily Fox and Tim Ludden. No other desserts are needed since cake will be provided. The couple has a wedding registry at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Target, and IKEA.

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 Farm 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>)

Hernandez/Trochez Fund:

In September, this fund will be able to provide the regular \$600 amount of support to the family. Our projections for October suggest that we will not have \$600 in the fund to continue providing this level of support. If you wish to ensure that this level support is available, please consider making an additional donation in September to be disbursed in October. Remember, you can put a check designated "Hernandez Fund" in the offering. However, these donations are not tax deductible.

Our next 6-month evaluation of this assistance is scheduled for October and will be conducted by the informal support group that formed in 2017. At that time, we will have recommendations for fundraising that encompass more than just one month ahead. Please provide any insights or feedback on this support fund to Laura Harms at harms.laura@gmail.com.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder

Summer Adult Education

Aug 25: Wilma, Jeanne, and Brad on their trip to South Africa

Children's classrooms

Thank you for your generosity in supplies for the 3-6 year old class. We have begun to furnish room #3 for them in anticipation of the start of a two-year old class in September. The Elementary class will remain in classroom #2. The Middler class has moved into room #1 and is now JYF.

Fall Adult Sunday School Schedule

9/1 - No Sunday School for adults or children

1. Modern Christians are living in a time where a technology revolution is changing society. Carl Rhine will be leading discussions that explore the impacts of technology on Christian behaviors and the new struggles and issues that new technologies present for the modern Christian. Meets at the back of the sanctuary. Starts 9/8.
2. Brad Yoder and CoraLyn Turentine will lead a study of the book *Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America* by Linda Tirado. Books are on the chairs at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick one up if you will take this class, and let Brad know if more are needed. Meets on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Note: This class will start on 9/15 as both Brad and CoraLyn will be away on 9/8. Enjoy an extended fellowship hour on 9/8 or take advantage of the hour to start reading the book.

9/22 – Jason Boone will talk about the Peace and Justice Support Network. Regular adult classes will not meet.

10/27 – Eric Kurtz will talk about the work of MCC-Great Lakes. Regular adult classes will not meet.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)

Chair: Joyce Troyer

New Vision and Accountability Rep

The SGDT is pleased to announce that Thad Wilson has agreed to serve a 3-year term as the newest VAT Congregational Representative. Effective September 1, he joins Jeanne Smucker (Chair), Cheryl Martin (Vice Chair), Wilma Bailey (CR), Rod Maust (CR), and Brian Bither (Pastoral Team

Representative when he returns from his sabbatical).

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Mennonite Disaster Service Newsletter

There is now a sign-up sheet in the foyer for families that would like to stop receiving a newsletter at home and start receiving it through the bulk shipment to Shalom. Put your full name on the sign-up sheet or email office@shalomennonite.com. Newsletters will be stacked by the mailboxes for pick up.

Solar Panel Project

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Solar Panel Project last Sunday (August 18, 2019). With what has already been given and pledged we only need \$2500 more to reach our goal and go ahead with the project. If you have not already given, please consider an above budget contribution this Sunday, designating your gift for "solar panels."

-The Solar Project Team

Crop Walk

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct 6th! Click on this link below & register yourself and find Shalom Mennonite Church when you search for our team!

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

If you have any questions email Julie at Juliekins7182@hotmail.com.

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. 10th St. All are welcome.

My Coins Count

Each Sunday through September 22, two children will collect coins in cloth bags, accompanying the regular ushers during the offertory. The large container for MY COINS COUNT will continue to be in the back of the sanctuary if you miss your opportunity during the service.

Sharing Space

We will continue to collect for Mennonite Central Committee school kits through September. **Contents (NEW items only)**

- 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)
- 4 ~~large eraser~~ [we have plenty]
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 ~~small all-metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes.~~ [these have been ordered online]

Those who wish to donate school supplies locally can bring items for Teacher's Treasures.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

New Delegate to IN MI Conference

Administration Commission is pleased to announce that Zenebe Abebe will represent Shalom as a delegate for IN MI Conference meetings through 2020. Jeanne Smucker, our 2019 delegate, will also continue to have a delegate role (known as "elder delegate") when she becomes Chair of the Vision and Accountability Team in Sept 2019. According to Shalom's Guiding Documents, AC is the Commission with responsibility for being a congregational link with

- Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IN-MI Conference)
- Mennonite Church, USA (MC USA)
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC)
- Church Federation

Online Anabaptist Short Courses

Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary is offering 4 Online Anabaptist Short Courses (6 weeks) this Fall beginning in September. There are no papers or grades. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition. And you do not need to leave home to study because they are entirely online. For more information, check out the website: <https://www.ambs.edu>

Security Training

On Sunday, Aug 25 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (5601 N. Meridian St) at 3:00pm, a training provided by the FBI, IMPD and the One Cop Initiative will focus on what to do if an active shooter comes into the congregation. No registration is required. Call 317-939-6700 for

more information. The training will last about 3 hours.

Reflections On Pilgrimage

This section is open to anyone who would like to share their reflections with the congregation. Please contribute by emailing office@shalommennonite.com by Thursday noon.

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Please submit information by Thursday, 12pm, to office@shalommennonite.com