

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

April 22, 2020

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Chair: Linda Showalter

A note about upcoming services: Some kind of virtual gathering for Shalom will be offered every Sunday morning at 10:30a. While our goal is to have a full service each week, on occasion we may worship through sharing and prayer rather than a full service. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we continue working this out.

Last Sunday, (4/19), we met through Zoom on Sunday morning to share and pray together in a "Gathering in Spirit" session.

This Sunday, (4/26), we will hold another "Gathering in Spirit" session of prayer and sharing on Zoom, following Wilma's 1 & 2 Kings class, which you can find with [this link](#), which will also emailed to the congregation on Friday.

Next Sunday, (5/3), we will hold the first worship service of our "Story of the Bible" series, in which Brian will preach through the entire Bible over the next 14 months.

New Hymnal

Friday, April 24 is the deadline for ordering your own copy of the new hymnal. Please let Linda Showalter know what you would like to order so it can be added to Shalom's order. Checks can be mailed to Bob Love for the amount, with "hymnal" in the memo line. Editions that are available for purchase: pew \$21.59; large-print \$39.59; accompaniment \$80.99. Additional information can be found at <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/catalogue/>. - Linda Showalter

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

Calendar

Sunday, April 26 –

- 9:30a – 1 & 2 Kings SS class

- 10:30a – Gathering in Spirit

Sunday, May 3 –

- 9:30a – 1 & 2 Kings SS class

- 10:30a – Worship Service on Zoom

- 7p – Herb's Small Group

New Small Group

A new small group has formed that meets over Zoom every other Sunday night from 7 to 8:30p. Contact Herb Troyer if you'd like to join in.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

New Zoom Policy

During this period of remote gathering, Shalom seeks to balance openness to the wider world with the need for privacy. We continue to encourage you to invite friends or family, who may desire spiritual guidance in these anxious times, to our worship, Sunday school, and sharing sessions.

To maintain privacy, we've decided to have a "virtual usher" during Shalom's communal gatherings. This usher will only admit attendees into the Zoom meeting if they've publicly identified themselves through video or name. If an attendee doesn't meet these requirements, the usher will place them in a waiting room and use the chat feature to kindly request they either turn on their video or identify themselves. This does not apply to dial-in participants, whose identity is simply their phone number. As you invite people to join who are unknown to the usher, please notify them of this policy and inform the usher that they may be joining.

We hope this policy will put both members and guests at ease, knowing that everyone in the Zoom meeting is publicly recognizable.

Minutes

VAT, 4/20/20. You can find the minutes for the last VAT meeting [here](#).

Reflections On Pilgrimage

The first time Percy came back
he was not sailing on a cloud.
He was loping along the sand as though
he had come a great way.
“Percy,” I cried out, and reached to him—
 --those white curls—
but he was unreachable. As music
is present yet you can’t touch it.
“Yes, it’s all different,” he said.
“You’re going to be very surprised.”
But I wasn’t thinking of that. I only
wanted to hold him. “Listen,” he said,
“I miss that too.
And now you’ll be telling stories
 of my coming back
And they won’t be false, and they won’t be true,
But they’ll be real.”
And then, as he used to, he said, “Let’s go!”
And we walked down the beach together.
-- Mary Oliver, submitted by Sabrina Falls

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Please submit information by **the new deadline**,
Wednesday, 3pm, to office@shalommennonite.com