

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 10, 2021

WORSHIP: Our relationship with God

Chair: Grace Rhine

Last Sunday 3/7, Brian preached about the first mission of Jesus's disciples, which was directed at the Chosen People of Israel.

This Sunday 3/14, we will engage Jesus' teaching about his second coming, which weaved together many of the Messianic themes of the Older Testament in a unique way and gave the Chosen People a new call.

Next Sunday 3/21, Wilma Bailey will deliver the sermon.

Lenten 2021 Resources

For the season of Lent 2021, we are offering two Lenten resources for you to use at home:

1. A Lenten Guided Prayer resource, offered each week during the 6 weeks of Lent (see attachment)
2. A "Lent at Home" guide from MCUSA that includes ideas for at-home rituals during Lent and Holy Week, including ideas for activities to do as a family unit. The link [here](#) will take you to a website where you can download the guide.

Worship discussion 3/21

Have you ever wished you could plan a Sunday morning or a special worship service, choosing the hymns, songs and readings? Or have you ever thought "I think I'd like to try leading worship."? Perhaps you have something to share during Children's Time. Maybe you'd like to play or sing for Prelude, join the Ensemble, or even lead music in a new way. If so, Worship Commission wants to hear from you! We are grateful for all those who are already involved in our many areas of worship and we invite more of you to join us in sharing your gifts. Please join us immediately after the worship service on Sunday, 3/21 for a short break-out room discussion to learn more about how you can get involved in Worship. Bring your ideas!

COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom

Chair: Herb Troyer

Calendar (All events are Zoom meetings)

Sunday, March 14

- 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School: *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*, led by Emily & Tim Ludden. Chapters 27-29 TOPIC: How do we read the Bible today?
- 10:30 am –Worship service via Zoom

Sunday, March 21

- 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School: *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*, led by Emily & Tim Ludden. Chapters 30-33, Storytime (Acts) TOPIC: How to read the Bible with discernment
- 10:30 am – Worship service via Zoom

Sunday, March 28

- 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School: *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*, led by Emily & Tim Ludden. Chapters 34-36, Storytime (Job), Conclusion TOPIC: Convictions, disagreement, and uncertainty
- 10:30 am - Worship service via Zoom

Friday, April 2

7 pm – Good Friday service

Sunday, April 11

2 pm - FHQ: Does Jesus' great commission ask Christians to convince the peoples of the world to leave their own beliefs, practices, and cultural traditions?

Sunday, April 25

2 pm - FHQ: What do we make of the discrepancy between the New Testament description of healing miracles - which the apostles performed frequently - and the relative absence of healing miracles today?

Sunday, May 2

2 pm - FHQ: How should we respond to Biblical passages that seem to tolerate - if not defend - the institution of slavery?

Sunday, May 16

2 pm - FHQ: In light of all of the false prophecies regarding the end of the world, how are we supposed to read and interpret the book of Revelation?

Sunday, May 30

2 pm - FHQ: Can we still believe in the imminent return of Christ and the final judgment when two thousand years have passed and it has not happened yet?

Celebrations

Tuesday March 16 Jason Rosales Harms

Wednesday March 17 Abri Hochstetler

DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

“Story of the Bible” Assigned Reading

Throughout our “Story of the Bible” sermon series, we will recommend daily readings at home. This week we are taking one final break from our Story of the Bible reading assignments before our last stretch of the year. So if you need to go back and catch up on some past readings, now is the time to do it!

OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Hernandez-Trochez fund. Please consider a donation. Gemima's work permit is still on hold and the \$600 we provide in support covers some of their basic needs. March assistance was provided but the fund is now in need of replenishment so that we can continue to provide financial support in April and beyond. Thank you, Laura Harms

Lean, Pray, Join: Cost of War webinar was held on February 25th, here are several supporting links as well as a recorded video of the Webinar. Sabrina Falls

[Cost of War: Webinar](#)

[Church Peace Tax Fund](#)

[Learn, Pray, Join: The Cost of War resources](#)

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Chair: Jeanne Smucker

Indiana Michigan Conference 2021: Delegate meeting notes are attached to the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) is seeking a part-time pastor for the Conference Pastor team. If you are energized by working with pastors and leaders, visioning a new future for the Conference, dismantling racism, supporting diversity, and listening for God's call for the church, we would love to hear from you. The job description is posted on the [IMMC website](#). Applications will be accepted through March 26th. Please submit applications and/or questions to the search committee: immcsearchcommittee@gmail.com

In addition to our podcast, Shalom now 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 of our Zoom worship services are located online with our normal worship service recordings. A link to this location is on the Member's page of our website.

Please note:

Mike Wigginton manages our Zoom calendar, church calendar, and uploads minutes on the church website. If you need to schedule a meeting using the church account or you have minutes for him to upload, you can email the office at office@shalommennonite.com or mlwiggin@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Send announcements for Journeying Together to office@shalommennonite.com by 5 pm Wednesday.

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