

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 25, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, July 21

Pastor Sabrina Falls preached on 2 Kings 6:8-23. This is one of the most fascinating stories in the Bible—rich with lessons about fear and faith, blindness and sight, war and peace, enemies and friends. We will explore how God speaks to us through the prophet Elisha and the circumstances facing God's people in ancient Israel.

### This Sunday, July 28

Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton serve as Ecuador partnership coordinators and also in the church programs with their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries. They serve with Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador (ICAME) through the Ecuador Partnership, which includes Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia and Central Plains Conference.

### Next Sunday, August 4

Jeanne Smucker will bring 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?

## 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

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder

### Adult Education

July 28: Peter and Delicia – Ecuador  
Aug 4: Cheryl and Sam – structure evaluation  
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

## OUTREACH

Caring for Others

### In case you missed the Solar Proposal Presentation...

The Solar Proposal was presented yesterday at Shalom during the Sunday School Hour. Since this proposal involves a lot of money, the Vision and Accountability Team has called for a congregational vote on August 4<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Provisions will be made for absentee ballots.

In case you missed the presentation and discussion yesterday, it was all recorded and you can listen to it by going to [https://www.dropbox.com/s/reorx883xhgr436/2019\\_07\\_21%20Solar%20Proposal.MP3?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/reorx883xhgr436/2019_07_21%20Solar%20Proposal.MP3?dl=0). Also, attached are written copies of some of the presentations and other handouts.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/gkuk554j7d6r79y/2019\\_07\\_21%20Solar%20Proposal.pptx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/gkuk554j7d6r79y/2019_07_21%20Solar%20Proposal.pptx?dl=0) will take you to the Powerpoint presentation.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Frank Kandel. A list of questions received so far is attached.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)

Chair: Joyce Troyer

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

Chair: Brad Sommer

## **OUTREACH**

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Retreat for Women and Girls at Amigo Centre (Sturgis, Michigan)- October 11-13, 2019: The speaker for this event will be our own Sabrina Falls. She will be providing instruction on the theme of wisdom as found in the book of Proverbs. Do set the dates aside and plan to attend. Cost is \$120 or \$140 dollars for two nights (depending upon how many share a room), all meals and the registration fee. There is no charge for women aged 18-25. Girls from grade 3 through age 17 pay only \$30. More information including a schedule for the weekend has been placed on the bulletin board. Mandy Yoder who works at Amigo Centre can also answer questions. Her telephone number is 269-651-2811.

### Sharing Space

In August, we will be doing school kits for Mennonite Central Committee along with "My Coins Count."

We also have an opportunity to contribute to Family Promise: Bring in gently used clothing in 13-gallon white plastic bags – no shoes, no purses. Each bag equals a \$5 voucher at Goodwill for Family Promise clients.

### Fair and Impartial Policing Community Session Opportunities

As one part of its efforts to promote impartial policing, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department provides its personnel with Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) training. This state-of-the-art training is based on the modern science of bias, recognizing that even well-intentioned individuals have implicit biases that can impact on perceptions and behavior. The FIP Community Training Session brings together community members to (a) learn about the science of implicit bias and the training that the agency is providing to its personnel, (b) reflect on how implicit bias can impact on police personnel and individuals in any walk of life, and (c) discuss skills for police and others to

reduce and manage biases. The session will involve discussion and interaction, and participants will learn about the agency's comprehensive efforts to promote fair and impartial policing. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department will host two community sessions in which community members are encouraged to attend (space is limited). If you would like to register or you have additional questions, please copy and paste one of the following links into your web browser. Wednesday, August 7, 2019  
- Thursday, August 8, 2019 -

### Evening Gleaning

Register at [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org) to join the group of volunteers on Monday evenings 7-9pm. The location is on Indy's east side, exact details available after you register.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Minutes are posted on the website from Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team

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