

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 15, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last 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

This 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.

Next 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.

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, 4pm

Meet Harlan



During this past year, we have been blessed to have Harlan Nelson join us at Shalom! Read the attached interview to learn about Harlan's life including languages, research, moves, callings, and how he came to worship with us.

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>)

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships
Chair: Martha Yoder

Summer Adult Education

Aug 18: Wilma, Rose, and Bob on their trip to Ecuador

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 the 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 is moving into room #1 this week and will become the Junior Youth.

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.

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Chair: Brad Sommer

Solar Panel Project – Congregational Vote

The proposed Solar Panel vote received 87.7% affirmation or yes votes. The Proposal passed.

Thank you for your engagement and participation in this congregational discussion.

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

Mennonite Disaster Service Newsletter

Kevin King thought it might be a good idea to send a bulk mailing of the *Behind the Hammer* newsletter to Shalom instead of individual mailings to members' houses. Please contact Laura Harms by Aug 25 to put your name on the list for a bulk mailing. Newsletters will be stacked by the mailboxes for pick up.

office@shalommennonite.com

Solar Panel Project

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are ready to move ahead with the Solar Panel Project. We still need \$14,000. Please make your tax-deductible, above budget contribution to Shalom Mennonite Church, designated for "solar panels."

-The Solar Project Team

Crop Walk

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct 6th! The 50th Anniversary of the Crop Walk is this year in 2019!! Time to celebrate & get those donations to help stop hunger throughout the world. The Crop Walk is a 3/5 mile walk/run that starts at the Indiana Interchurch Center on 1100 W 42nd 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 Sunday, 8/18! But I would urge you to register online early and start collecting donations! If you have any questions email Julie at 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. 10th 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 are continuing to fill school kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

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)
- 1 ~~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]

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems
Chair: Laura Harms

Minutes available

Administration Commission met on Aug 13.

[Minutes and the Treasurer report](#) are available to read.

Agreement with Iglesia Amigos

After an evaluation meeting at the 6-month point in our formal relationship, Administration Commission recommends continuing the agreement to share our facilities with Iglesia Amigos. The next review will take place in one year. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Laura Harms office@shalommennonite.com or Frank Kandel frank@shalommennonite.com.

Reflections On Pilgrimage

Excerpts from "What's so important about community anyways? A lot."

Aug 9, 2019 by [Rebecca Stoltzfus](#)

What's so important about community anyways? A lot...

Sharon Daloz Parks spoke at Goshen College last month in the conference, "Healing the Heart of Higher Education." ... To thrive, Parks said, we must seek community that offers us:

- comfort,
- challenge,

- creativity and
- commitment for the long haul.

These distinct qualities of life-sustaining community are illuminating and attractive. How are you experiencing community in terms of these qualities? Are any particularly strong or lacking?

...[Parker] Palmer views community as “something different from gathering endlessly to ‘share’ and ‘solve problems.’ ” He continues: *“Long before community can be manifest in outward relationships, it must be present in the individual as “a capacity for connectedness” — a capacity to resist the forces of disconnection with which our culture and our psyches are riddled”*

Yes, the forces of disconnection seem frighteningly strong these days, in our culture and in our psyches. How do we resist these forces and form in ourselves and our students this capacity for connectedness?

Some clues are found in David Brooks’ most recent book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. ...Brooks argues that the moral life arises from thick communities that have characteristics such as these: members meet face-to-face, often in cramped settings, incorporate music into their life together and have idiosyncratic cultures. Most importantly, “Thick communities are oriented around a shared moral cause”...

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<http://mennoworld.org/2019/08/09/the-world-together/whats-so-important-about-community-anyways-a-lot/>

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