

## **JOURNEYING TOGETHER**

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 30, 2021

### **WORSHIP: Our relationship with God**

Chair: Grace Rhine

**Last Sunday (6/27)**, Brian preached on the parable of the Lost Sheep and the challenging implications that this has for us as a church community.

**This Sunday (7/4)**, falls on Independence Day, and Brian will take the opportunity to reflect on the fine line Christians must learn to walk between honoring the nation in which we live without idolizing it.

**Next Sunday (7/11)**, Jeanne Smucker will deliver the message.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE: Relationships at Shalom**

Chair: Herb Troyer

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, Sunday, July 4**

10:30 am - Hybrid Worship service.

#### **Monday, July 5**

10:30 am - 3:30 pm - Roving Office at Midtown Panera, 6055 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN

#### **Sunday, Sunday, July 11**

10:30 am - Hybrid Worship service.

#### **Monday, July 26**

9 am to 3 pm - Roving Office at Panera Bread, 789 U.S. Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

#### **Celebrations**

Sat, Jul 3 – Linda Showalter

Tues, Jul 6 – Linda Kandel

Tue, Jul 6 – Sydney Maust

Wed, Jul 7 – Laura & Noe Martinez, 2012



**Music Ensemble invitation!** Since we're able to sing now, the Ensemble is getting ready to begin meeting again. We would like to remind the congregation of the open invitation for new members as there will be some changes in our group. Please let me know if you have an interest in being involved in this aspect of our worship services whether instrumental or vocal, or if you have questions. Linda Showalter

### **DISCIPLING: Growing in our relationships**

Chair: Martha Yoder

**Children's Church:** Are you willing to provide care to Shalom children during in-person services this summer? For Children's Church, we have developed the following guidelines:

- \* Children ages 2-8 will be dismissed after Children's Story
- \* One adult volunteer and one youth volunteer will provide a short program and/or supervise play time
- \* Children's Church will be an outdoor activity when possible. Fellowship Hall will be used when being outdoors is not possible.
- \* Children and adults should be prepared to wear masks. Indoors this will be required. Outdoors everyone will either need to keep a mask on or stay 6 feet from others.

Please contact Laura if you'd like to volunteer for a date in July or August. [harms.laura@gmail.com](mailto:harms.laura@gmail.com)

### **OUTREACH: Relationships beyond Shalom**

Chair: Brad Yoder

Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence's June newsletter can be found [here](#).

The **Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN)** recently published a Disability Language Guide to assist us in communicating the value of each individual when we speak about people who have disabilities. Please read the one-page Guide that is attached to this issue of Journeying Together. Here are some of the basic guidelines:

- In general, we prefer person-first language. Person-first language stresses the importance of putting the individual first. For example, "a person who has a disability" instead of "a disabled person."
- There are some exceptions to "person-first" language. In general, Deaf, blind, or autistic people and communities prefer "identity-first" language. For example, "an autistic person" instead of "a person with autism."
- When in doubt, individuals should be asked how they want to be described. Don't assume!
- Everyone prefers to be called by their name when possible.

Shalom financially supports the Anabaptist Disabilities Network through the Outreach Commission, but you may wish to contribute individually as well. Please go

to <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Support/Pages/default.aspx> to make a donation. Contributions help provide educational and other resources including Barrier-Free Grants to congregations to help purchase accessible playground equipment, to make accessible restrooms, and remove barriers to participation. The Summer 2021 newsletter which features articles about hearing loss can be accessed

at <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Newsletter/Pages/2021/Connections-Summer-2021.aspx>.

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**Tips on Preventing Car-Jackings:** information shared at the Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association. I believe we all can use this attached information shared by Officer Steve Talley, Crime Watch Specialist. Mr. Talley is a regular attendant of the association and a member of Indianapolis Metropolitan East District. Zenebe Abebe, for Outreach Commission

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our new co-pastor Craig Oury will be moving to the home that he is renting in Fishers on Friday, July 2 around 4-5 pm. He had thought that he would have a lot of help from family but two of the nephews he expected to help had things come up. He would appreciate help getting unloaded. His sister was concerned about how many people to plan to feed. I said that Shalom folks are good at bringing food. Perhaps we can show him a little preview of our great potlucks! His new address will be 13185 Cyntheanne Rd. Fishers, IN, 46037. His phone number is 301-302-3181.

Next week, July 6-11, the Mennonite Church USA's general assembly nicknamed MennoCon21 will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is likely to be the closest it will ever be to Indianapolis (2 hours) so you might consider driving down for a day's events. You can also watch it virtually. Fees are involved. There will be Bible Study each morning and a worship service each evening. Go to the website of the Mennonite Church USA for details. This year the delegate assembly will not deal with complicated or controversial issues. Delegates will vote on nominees for the various open positions, listen to reports from church agencies and vote on by-law changes. Most of the bylaw changes clear up confusing language or bring the by-laws up to date. For example, the references to the periodical "The Mennonite" are removed because it no longer exists. The assembly will also vote on a by-law change that would permit virtual voting, something we have never done before. Wilma Bailey, delegate

Attached is the July prayer newsletter from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. It is also available on our website: <https://im.mennonite.net/support/support-for-conference/prayer/>

**Safely Gathering Team Update:** Since the local numbers of Covid cases continue to decrease, we are making the following changes:

1. Singing will now be permitted in the sanctuary, wearing a mask. The song leader may remove their mask if they lead from the stage.
2. No numerical limits on attendance. We do advise unvaccinated people to maintain a 6 foot distance between themselves and other households.

Martha for the Safely Gathering Team

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\\_ReooskuxUXA!](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEn30AED17Q_ReooskuxUXA!)

**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.

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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [mlwiggin@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [bixlersc@gmail.com](mailto:bixlersc@gmail.com).

Send announcements for *Journeying Together* to [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) by 5 pm on Wednesday.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY

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