

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 11, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, July 7

Emily Fox preached on John 3:11-21. Nicodemus comes to learn from Jesus in the night, and Jesus tells him about what God wants from us. One of the things that Jesus emphasizes is walking in God's light instead of in darkness. This isn't always easy, but Jesus shows us how we can follow God's way.

### This Sunday, July 14

Gemina will preach on "Bartimaeus calls out, Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, Bartimaeus springs up." Text is Mark 10:46-52.

### Next Sunday, July 21

Pastor Sabrina Falls will preach 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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship  
11:00am Sunday School

Thu, July 11 – Thriving Thursdays, 5-7pm  
Thu, July 18 – Thriving Thursdays, 5-7pm  
Wed, July 24 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am  
Thu, July 25 – Thriving Thursdays, 5-7pm

## DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships  
Chair: Martha Yoder

### Adult Education

July 14: Wilma Bailey, Laura Harms – Report on Conference and Convention  
July 21: Solar Panel Discussion  
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

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)

### VAT Chair/Vice-Chair transitions

Kudos to Brad Sommer for his pioneering leadership as the initial Chairperson of the Vision and Accountability Team (VAT)! His two years will end August 30, and Jeanne Smucker, the current Vice-Chairperson will assume responsibilities as Chair. That leaves open the Vice-Chair position which is selected by the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) and affirmed by the congregation.

SGDT is pleased to share that Cheryl Martin has accepted our nomination for VAT Vice-Chair. This is a four-year term as she will move into the Chair position her third year. During her first two years, her role also includes serving as a member on the SGDT. Please send comments of affirmation or concerns regarding Cheryl Martin as Vice-Chair of the VAT to Joyce Troyer ([troyers\\_hj@hotmail.com](mailto:troyers_hj@hotmail.com)) by Sunday, July 21, 2019.

## OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

### Hospitality to be provided

Eber Rice-Smucker from College Mennonite in Goshen will be having surgery at University Hospital on July 17. His wife, Becky, will be staying with Sam and Carol after the surgery. Thanks to all who offered to extend hospitality.

### Thriving Thursdays

Pray for Neighborhood Kids & Volunteers!

**Volunteers needed on Thursdays from 5-7pm. July 11, 18 & 25.** Let Frank know when and where you can help. [Kandel93@gmail.com](mailto:Kandel93@gmail.com) or 309-532-2859.

### Solar Panel Proposal

During the Sunday School hour on July 21, VAT (Vision and Accountability Team) has called a Congregational Meeting for the Proposal and Discussion on the installation of Solar Panels. Additional details attached.

-Frank Kandel, Pastor for Outreach (and Creation Care)

### Eastside Creation Care

The bi-monthly meeting will be in Irvington at Downey Ave Christian Church on Saturday, July 13. A light breakfast will be provided at 8:30 followed by the meeting from 9-11am. Mike Blackwell, Attorney, from Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) will be a guest. MISO provides utility services by transmitting electricity to commercial, industrial, and residential customers in the US and Canada. Locally, there is an office in Carmel. Other items on the agenda include updates from member congregations, Earth Charter Indiana, H-IPL workshops, upcoming opportunities for advocacy/activism, Archdiocese Pilot Program and ECCN's Fall Film schedule. All interested persons are welcome!

### 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.

### 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.

### MCC training

MCC Great Lakes is excited to offer a unique training opportunity for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. Aug 25-27 at Waterford Mennonite and AMBS. Visit [www.mcc.org/gl-dod](http://www.mcc.org/gl-dod) or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at [kellyshenkkoontz@mcc.org](mailto:kellyshenkkoontz@mcc.org).

## ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

### Sermon available online

Portions of the recording of each worship service will now be available each week on the Shalom Home page. An archives page will be developed for past sermons starting with the June 30, 2019 sermon.

### Report on the Mennonite Church Convention in Kansas City, July 2-6, 2019.

Please view the attached reports on the IN-MI Conference Annual Sessions by Brian Bither and the MC USA Convention by Brian Bither and by Wilma Bailey.

### Minutes

[Outreach Commission](#) met on June 24 and the minutes are now on the Shalom website.

## Reflections On Pilgrimage

Study is my favorite spiritual discipline, and I enjoyed studying Micah. I liked digging into the details, thinking about the background, and comparing related texts. And I liked hearing Micah's voice resonating across the ages.

Micah condemned specific sins: corruption at the top, taking land from the poor, idolatry, leading people astray. He predicted destruction if the people did not change their ways. And he assured the people that God would rescue a remnant and restore them after the destruction.

In the middle of the book, between destruction and restoration, Micah shared a vision of how the world could be: nations streaming from all directions to be taught by God, disarming themselves and turning their weapons into garden tools. Each family having enough for their needs.

How Micah speaks to us today! We too live in a time when some powerful people think they are above the law, and when millions lose their lands due to violence. We need a vision of how the world could or should be, with each having enough and all learning from God.

Let this be our touchstone: What does the Lord require of us? To act just, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Martha Yoder Maust



Frank Kandel, (309) 532-2859,  
[kandel93@gmail.com](mailto:kandel93@gmail.com);

Sabrina Falls, (317) 902-9495,  
[sabrinafalls@outlook.com](mailto:sabrinafalls@outlook.com)

Vision & Accountability Team: Brad Sommer,  
Jeanne Smucker, Wilma Bailey, Carl Rhine, Rod  
Maust, Brian Bither

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

---

Journeying Together is a weekly email newsletter of  
Shalom Mennonite Church: 6100 E 32nd St, 46226;  
(317) 549-0577 [shalommennonite.com](http://shalommennonite.com)

Pastoral Team:

Brian Bither, (317) 322-7320, (on sabbatical July –  
Nov 2019); [brian@shalommennonite.com](mailto:brian@shalommennonite.com);