

# JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 12, 2021

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

Chair: Grace Rhine

**Last Sunday (5/9)** we studied a number of the later epistles in the New Testament and confronted the greatest challenge that the early church - and arguably the Church today - had to face: distinguishing between false prophets who distort the gospel and true ones who speak the word of God.

**This Sunday (5/16)** we will enter the final section of the Bible's Story - Act VII - by looking at the way the book of Revelation describes the last days before the return of Christ.

**Next Sunday (5/23)** Frank Kandel will deliver the sermon as we take a break from our Story of the Bible series.

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

Chair: Herb Troyer

**Calendar** *(All events are Zoom meetings)*

### **Sunday, May 16**

9:30 am - Adult Sunday school, Dismantling Institutional Racism in Congregations - Wilma Bailey, Frank Kandel

10:30 am – Worship service via Zoom

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?

### **Sunday, May 23**

9:30 am - Adult Sunday school, Dismantling Institutional Racism in Congregations - Wilma Bailey, Frank Kandel

10:30 am – Worship service via Zoom

### **Sunday, May 30**

9:30 am - Adult Sunday school, Dismantling Institutional Racism in Congregations - Wilma Bailey, Frank Kandel

10:30 am – Worship service via Zoom

2 pm - FHQ: What hard questions do *you* still have about the Bible and the story it tells?

**Note:** Brian is making a change to the final Facing Hard Question sessions. This week (May 16), we will be covering the topic that was scheduled for the final session: "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?" The last FHQ session, May 30, will now be an open session in which you are encouraged to bring your own questions, concerns, and doubts to the group. It would be especially helpful if you could email them to Brian in advance at [brian@shalommennonite.com](mailto:brian@shalommennonite.com)!

### **Celebrations**

Today, May 12 – Dagne Assefa

## **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. Next week's readings are:

Monday - Romans 1-2, Psalms 50, 53

Tuesday - Proverbs 4:10-27, Romans 3-4, Psalm 80  
Wednesday - Romans 5-6, Psalms 37, 73  
Thursday - Romans 7-8, Psalms 24 & 25  
Friday - Revelation 21, Psalms 47, 150  
Saturday - Psalm 23, 84, 98, Revelation 22

This week is the last week of assigned reading for the Story of the Bible series! However, the final sermon in the series will be preached on Monday, May 30 because Pastor Brian will be on vacation on Monday, May 23. Pastor Brian would love to hear from you if you have been following the weekly reading assignments (more or less) to hear how the experience has been for you. You can email him at [brian@shalommennonite.com](mailto:brian@shalommennonite.com).

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

Chair: Brad Yoder

See the attached information about MCC Dignity Kits.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Tuesday, May 18 to Tuesday, May 25. If you need to reach someone during that time, please contact Jeanne Smucker, the chair of the VAT, at [jmrsmucker@outlook.com](mailto:jmrsmucker@outlook.com).

Everyone is invited to attend First Mennonite's *Conversion to Solar Power* celebration Saturday, May 22, from 3 – 5 pm. There will be native tree and plant giveaways, live music, electronics recycling drop-off, children's activities, education about solar, electric vehicles. Bring lawn chairs, and please wear a mask. **See the attached poster.**

- 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.

### **RELECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

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