

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 29, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last Sunday, Aug 25

Pastor Frank Kandel brought the message. After reading from 2 Kings 6:15-17 and Acts 9:1-9, he spoke to our need for the Lord to open our eyes. He will be preaching several times over the next few months from the life and writings of Paul.

### This Sunday, Sept 1

Pastor Sabrina Falls will preach. The sermon text is John 4:1-30; 39-42. This is the story about the Samaritan woman who comes to Jacob's well to draw water and meets Jesus there. As a Jew, Jesus' interaction with a Samaritan is highly unusual. The sermon will reflect on why this woman's encounter with Christ is so meaningful for the gospel message and on what "living water" provides in times of personal and societal spiritual drought.

### Next Sunday, Sept 8

Shalom will welcome guest preacher, Simon Maina.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

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

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, 5pm  
Thurs, Sept 19 – Meal, 6:30; Bible study, 7-8pm  
Sun, Sept 22 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing at Showalters

### 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.

### From Mil and Ruth Penner

As we transition into a new phase, we express how significant and important Shalom has been in the life of our family. When we came in the early 90's we were busy raising our family and enjoying our careers. The church nurtured our children and gave us the spiritual anchors that guided us along the path. We have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of Shalom life and have felt the deep friendships, trust, and commitments that are present. Both of us have especially enjoyed the children and youth whom we have had the fortune to get to know and nurture. They have been our inspiration as well as the worship and fellowship with all of you. We have received much and give thanks for these years and look forward to staying connected with you all.

-Mil and Ruth Penner

### 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.

### Small Groups

Every Fall, Shalom encourages everyone to continue or join a small group. The other option is to help form a new small group. We have several people interested in forming a service project small group. This small group, depending on those who wanted to join, would find a service project to help with. If you are interested in this idea, please contact Herb Troyer or one of the other CLC members. More information will be coming about small groups in the next weeks.

### Volunteer to plan Retreat Meal

CLC is looking for a volunteer to plan the noon meal for our church retreat on Nov. 2 at Jameson Retreat Center. In the past we have enjoyed a variety of ethnic cuisines, catering, barbecue, etc, and the expense is covered by Shalom. Please talk to Linda Kandel, Herb, or Rose for more details. Thank you.

### **DISCIPLING**

Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

### Nursery available during Sunday School hour

The nursery will be staffed by volunteers during the Sunday School hour for children younger than age 2.

### Children's classrooms

Pre-K room: 2 year old class

Room 1: JYF class

Room 2: Elementary class

Room 3: 3-6 year old class

### 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.

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM (SGDT)**

Chair: Joyce Troyer

### New Vision and Accountability Rep

The SGDT is pleased to announce that Thad Wilson has agreed to serve a 3-year term as the newest VAT Congregational Representative. Effective September 1, he joins Jeanne Smucker (Chair), Cheryl Martin (Vice Chair), Wilma Bailey (CR), Rod Maust (CR), and Brian Bither (Pastoral Team Representative when he returns from his sabbatical).

### **OUTREACH**

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

### Solar Panel Project

Our goal for Solar Panels has been met and installation is slated for later this Fall. Thank you very much for your pledges & contributions! -The Solar Project Team



### MCC Bike Michiana update:

With two weeks remaining until the Bike Michiana tour at Amigo Centre (Sept 13-15), I thank the congregation for your excellent response to date. Pledge total at this time is \$1215.00, of which about half has been paid. This does not include amounts from my family and non-SMC friends. It is not too late to add your pledge, if you have not already done so.

Checks should be made payable to Amigo Centre, memo line MCC. Proceeds will be allocated for borderland and Great Lake immigration services. Since our congregation has already been affected in many ways by immigration concerns, and for all or most of us, it has become personal, I emphasize again, the

importance of this ministry to those fleeing violence, abuse, and poverty.

-John Amstutz



#### Crop Walk Walkers

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>!

Click on this link below & register yourself and find Shalom Mennonite Church when you search for our team!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/indianapolisin>

If you have any questions email Julie at

[Juliekins7182@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliekins7182@hotmail.com).

-Julie Sanders

#### Crop Walk Pledgers

Wilma is planning to do the Crop Walk this year as part of the Shalom Team. "If you are inclined to contribute to the walk, please sponsor me.

You can contribute online at

[www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org). I know that you are contributing above your usual donations because of special out of budget projects. I am not expecting large donations. If you can spare \$5 or \$10 or \$20, it will be gratefully received. Remember, you can designate your donation to MCC if you wish. "

-Wilma Bailey

#### Gun Violence Action

Gun violence continues to be a major public health problem in the United States. The Outreach Commission sees this as a social justice issue. An average of over 600 people die each week in the US from gun violence. One thing we can do to reduce gun violence is to require background checks for all gun sales. The US House of Representatives passed a bill in February to require universal background checks. Senate Bill 42, introduced in January, has the same requirement. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to call this bill up for a vote. If you support universal background checks for all gun sales, call or email Indiana's two US Senators Mike Braun (202-224-4814) and Todd Young (202 224-5623), asking them to support SB 42, and encourage them to urge Senate Majority

Leader Mitch McConnell to bring the bill up for a vote.

#### Immigration Solidarity Hotline

Immigration raises another set of social justice issues. Faith in Indiana (formerly IndyCan) has created a Rapid Response network to help persons who are threatened by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This includes a Solidarity Hotline that persons can call to get immediate response from people who will come and support them in relating to ICE or other government officials. Jeanne Smucker and Brad Yoder are part of this network. If you are able and willing to join this network, contact Jeanne or Brad.

#### From Jennifer Schrock at Mennonite Creation Care Network

September is the Season of Creation. In recent years, some churches have begun adding this emphasis to their yearly worship cycles along with Lent and Easter. Sunday, Sept 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Creation.

-Marilynn Teel

#### 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. 10<sup>th</sup> St. All are welcome.

#### My Coins Count

Each Sunday through September 22, two children will collect coins in cloth bags, accompanying the regular ushers during the offertory. The large container for MY COINS COUNT will continue to be in the back of the sanctuary if you miss your opportunity during the service.

#### Sharing Space

We will continue to collect for Mennonite Central Committee school kits through September. **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)
- 4-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]

Those who wish to donate school supplies locally can bring items for Teacher's Treasures.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

#### Minutes

Outreach Commission met on [Aug 19](#) and the minutes from the meeting can be found on the Shalom website or by clicking the linked date above.

Community Life Commission met on [Aug 27](#) and the minutes from their meeting are also posted.

### **Reflections On Pilgrimage**

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