

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 12, 2019

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God
Chair: Linda Showalter

Last Sunday, Sept 8

Shalom received the message from guest preacher, Simon Mungai. Simon reflected on Psalms 119:1-8. It is a daily choice:

1. Following and obeying his loving instructions
2. Following his marked out ways
3. Seeking him wholeheartedly
4. Not compromising regardless of the demands to do it
5. Reflecting his presence consistently
6. Assessing my life based on his word and not the prevailing trends
7. Continually learning from him – his word.

This Sunday, Sept 15

Gemina Trochez will preach in Spanish with English interpretation. "Don't Lose your First Love" will draw from Revelations 2:1-5 and Acts 20:29-31.

Next Sunday, Sept 22

Jason Boone from the Peace and Justice Network will preach on "A Peace that Surpasses all Understanding" using Philippians 4:6-7 as a key scripture. What might peace look like today and how can we be engaged in it?

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom
Chair: Linda Kandel

Calendar

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

Sun, Sept 15 – Fall Festival, 5pm
Thurs, Sept 19 – Meal, 6:30; Bible study, 7-8pm
Sun, Sept 22 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at Showalters
Wed, Sept 25 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am

Thurs, Oct 3 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible study, 7-8
Wed, Oct 9 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am
Thurs, Oct 17 – Meal 6:30pm; Bible study, 7-8
Wed, Oct 23 – Morning Breakfast Group, 7am
Sat, Nov 2 – All Church Retreat at Jameson Camp

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Our "5th" Sunday Hymn Sing will be a week early due to the Relief Sale. Join us on September 22, from 6-7:30pm at Showalter's home. We are ready for #508 in the hymnal. Only 150 hymns to go!
-Linda Showalter

First Mennonite Women's Retreat

Save the date for the FMC Women's Retreat. Friday evening, Nov 1, and Saturday Nov. 2 until late afternoon. Come and have your spirit renewed with Anita Amstutz sharing with us on the topic of "Soul Tending." Sign up is on the kiosk; exact details regarding times, food still TBD. Location at FMC (or Fitness Farm). This is for FMC or Shalom women, and feel free to invite any friends and family that may be interested. Suggested donation is \$30; questions see Heidi Boschmann Amstutz.

Ride between Elkhart and Indy

Delicia's sister Guisela is volunteering in Elkhart for the next 10 months and wanted to come visit Indianapolis when she can. She would like to get a ride with any folks who might be traveling to or from the Goshen/Elkhart area. Reach out to Peter and Delicia to offer. 317-405-7954 or peter.wigginton@icloud.com.

Dear Shalom Friends, from Mil and Ruth

We made it safely to Denver last Friday and have been unpacking and organizing into a much smaller house but things are coming together. We had our first family supper last evening (Semmel) so now the house is officially open! We are grateful for all your cards and prayers and the wonderful Sunday cake that we enjoyed with you all! We continue to feel God's leading and are grateful for all the support we

have experienced during our years with you all! Mil and Ruth

PASTORAL TEAM SEARCH COMMITTEE PTSC

Chair: Jeanne Smucker

Have you been wondering why the PTSC announcements are on the vague side and often say something like “we continue to be in conversation with multiple potential applicants for the half-time pastoral position?”

The is because we do continue to be in conversation with multiple individuals, but we are committed to confidentiality regarding those individuals. This is in large part for the applicants’ sake, as it may be the case that applicants have not widely shared or shared with their current congregations that they are seeking a position. Until we have reached the point in the search process of bringing a single individual to the congregation as a candidate, we will respect the need for confidentiality in this process, and we thank you for your understanding.

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

Chair: Martha Yoder

Bibles for Shalom’s Youth

We will be presenting Bibles to some of our elementary school age youth on Sept. 15. If you would like to write a note of encouragement and/or highlight a Scripture for them, you can find the Bibles on the counter top across from the basement restrooms.

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.

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

Cloth Diaper Bash

Saturday, Sept 14 from 9am-noon at First Mennonite. All are welcome to work on sewing cloth diapers and learn about the Quito diaper project. Sewing experience is great but not required. Please bring sewing supplies and sewing machines to work together. Donations of used flannel sheets and used t-shirts welcome.

Fall Festival

Shalom's annual Fall Fest is Sunday, September 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Our neighbors and Iglesia Amigos are invited to join Shalom folks for a cook-out meal on our lawn near the playground. Shalom will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and lemonade. We still need veggie trays and brownies – enough to serve 20 – if you can bring that let Frank know. Besides food and fellowship, there will be games for the children. Bring lawn chairs for yourselves and extras if you have them. Contact Frank Kandel (309-532-2859) for more information and to volunteer to help with set-up, grilling, serving, games or clean-up.

Solar at Shalom Update

We are on our way to solar! The contract with Jefferson Electric, LLC has been signed and the down payment to them has been made. Donations and pledges for the remaining cost of our solar array have been received. All the permits have been submitted, even an application to Homeland Security for approval. It could take up to a month for Homeland Security to respond. Jefferson Electric has

ordered all the materials for our solar project. They will hold those in their warehouse until we have an installation date scheduled. Jim Showalter recently met with a Jefferson Electric installer at Shalom. They reviewed our site and made plans for the installation.

Eastside Creation Care Network

ECCN's bi-monthly meeting will be Saturday, September 14 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7243 E. 10th Street. As always, the meeting will begin at 9:00 am with a light breakfast available at 8:30.

ECCN Fall Film Night

Friday, September 20 at 7:00. The film "Bag It" will be shown in St. Bernadette Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5333 E. Washington Street in Irvington. This is a terrific film about all things plastic. The problem is too much of it is polluting the oceans and land areas on Earth! Admission is free and a discussion will follow the film.

Crop Walk Walkers

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct 6th! 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.

-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. 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

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

Thank you for all the donations for Mennonite Central Committee school kits. We need notebooks more than any of the other items. School supplies that are not part of MCC kits will be donated locally to Teacher's Treasures.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Chair: Laura Harms

Reflections On Pilgrimage

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