

# Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 5, 2019

## WORSHIP

Our relationship with God  
Chair: Linda Showalter

### Last 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.

### This Sunday, Sept 8

Shalom will welcome guest preacher, Simon Mungai. Simon will reflect 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.

### Next 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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom  
Chair: Linda Kandel

### Calendar

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

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

### 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing

Our "5<sup>th</sup>" 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

## **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.

### 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.

## **OUTREACH**

Relationships beyond Shalom

Chair: Brad Yoder

### Fall Festival

Fall Festival is one week from Sunday on September 15 from 5-7pm. Plan to come and fellowship with the adults and children from our neighborhood.

-The Outreach Commission

### Morning Star Food Pantry

Your contribution of food items to the Morning Star Food Pantry are always appreciated.

Please leave them in the box inside the back door of church. Simon Mungai, our visiting preacher this Sunday, will transport your contributions back to Muncie. Thank you.

-The Outreach Commission

### MCC Bike Michiana update:

With one week remaining until the Bike Michiana tour at Amigo Centre (Sept 13-15), I thank the congregation for your excellent response to date. 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.

#### 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

#### Minutes

Commission Chairs met on [August 20](#) and the minutes from the meeting can be found on the Shalom website or by clicking the linked date above.

### **Reflections On Pilgrimage**

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