



JOURNEYING TOGETHER
A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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JULY 9, 2025

CALENDAR

Sat, Jul 12: Eastside Creation Care Network meeting @ Shalom, 8:30 am

Wed. July 16: Wild Church, 10 am (see announcement)

Sun, Jul 20: No Fellowship Meal

Sun, Jul 27: Congregational meeting after the Sunday School on Sunday (see VAT)

Thu, Aug 7: Shalom Sister Lunch at 10th Street Diner, 3301 E. 10th Street, 11:30 am

Sat, Nov 15: Shalom will be hosting "A Nature Walk Down a Peace Path" as part of The Spirit & Place Festival. More info to come.

Sat, Oct 3, 2026: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp

ADMINISTRATION

Mike Wigginton (chair), Andrew Martin, Dan Rosenberger
Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

COMMUNITY LIFE: RELATIONSHIPS AT SHALOM

Linda Showalter (Chair), Bethany Martin, Beverly Smith
Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

Celebrations!

Thu, July 10: Rod Maust

Mon, July 14: Andrew Martin & Melissa Walsh, 2018



Underground Railroad Museum visit: go to <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/b8KJROLa> to vote for which Saturday in August would work best with your schedule to visit the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati. **Respond by July 19th** so we can finalize plans and get discounted group tickets.

Everyone would be responsible to pay for their own admission, meals and travel. Carpools can be organized.



August 7th's Shalom Sister Lunch will be at 10th Street Diner, 3301 E. 10th Street, at 11:30 am. The diner is a vegan restaurant, and has been showcased on tv's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives! All women are welcome.

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Carol Bixler (chair), Wilma Bailey, Carol Bither
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Summer Children's Sunday School volunteer needs:

August 24 - teacher needed for Elementary class. Laura can provide digital resources for the lesson that day.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

July 13: Jim M, Charity and Brad sharing in the Intergenerational Faith & Food class. Michial Mumford, Grocery Assistant, Indy Fresh Market, will also share.

July 20: Caucus Sunday

July 27: Reports from IN-MI and MCUSA conferences

Beginning August 3:

A sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the sanctuary for the class, *Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices allows Love to Blossom*. This will be led by Herb Troyer, starting August 3. (See amended attachment)

The *Salt & Light Bible study in I Corinthians* also begins on Aug 3. Wilma Bailey is facilitating that class. No sign-up necessary, study booklets have already been purchased.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Chuck Dunn, Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

It's time to make Mennonite Central Committee school kits!

This is the complete list if you want to fill kits on your own [drawstring bags provided]:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks
 - 8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each (US)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 large eraser
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)



If you want to contribute individual items, being collected next to the lift downstairs, please note that ***we have enough erasers, rulers and pencil sharpeners already.***

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Jim Showalter (chair beginning in September), Angie Buller
VAT Representative: Nizeet Deiter; Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

The SGDT is pleased to announce that Melissa Walsh Martin has agreed to serve as the chair of the Worship Commission. Please communicate affirmation and feedback for Melissa to Pastor Craig (craig@shalommennonite.com) by July 16.

Please continue to pray for the discernment process of the VAT vice chair and chairs of the Discipling and Outreach Commissions.

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Frank Kandel (Chair), Nizeet Deiter (Vice-Ch) Sam Bixler, Charity Bauman, Grace Rhine
Pastoral Representatives: Brian Bither, Craig Oury

BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front): Pastor Brian's leave is proposed to be extended through September 8 by using paid sabbatical, with a one-time exception to the pastoral covenant of understanding pending a congregational vote on **July 27 after Sunday School.**

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

(chair), Justin Hochstetler, Jeanne Smucker
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Last Sunday (7/6) Craig brought a message from Jeremiah 29:11-13

This week (7/13) Andrew Martin will bring the message.

Next week (7/20) Craig will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List:

- **Church:** *Prairie Street Mennonite Church*, Elkhart, IN. Pastor: Quinn Brenneke
We are learning to pray through these challenging times as our pastoral intern Melika Hersberger leads us in a worship series on the Psalms. Our sisters and brothers in the conference can ask for God's grace as we seek solidarity with our neighbors.
- **Organization:** *Meserete Kristos Seminary* is a Mennonite seminary in Ethiopia that exists to equip men and women for the holistic transformation of the church and society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My mom's cousin's recipe which appeared in Hopewell and Valparaiso Mennonite Churches Cookbook in 1982: **Heavenly Hot Fudge Sauce** from Cheri Birky

1/2 c butter
4 oz unsweetened chocolate
3 c sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 2/3 c evaporated milk
1 tsp vanilla

Melt butter and chocolate. Stir in sugar gradually, about 1/4 cup at a time, being sure the sugar is completely blended, then add some evaporated milk being sure the milk is completely

blended. Alternate sugar and milk until all has been added. Add salt. Then continue to cook and stir 7-8 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Serve hot. Makes 1 quart. Great on ice cream. ~ Craig



Wild Church next meets on **Wednesday, July 16**, at 10 a.m. We will meet at 100 acres (Fairbanks Park of Newfields, the Indianapolis Museum of Art) located at 4000 West Michigan Road in Indianapolis. From the corner of 38th Street and Michigan Road go west just past the main entrance to Newfields. Follow the sign that reads "White River Parkway East". Half-way around the circle, turn right and park in the new parking lot. Bring a camp or lawn chair if you have one, a sun hat, sunscreen and maybe bug spray. The prairie is in bloom and Newfields has the best maintained demonstration prairie in this area. Bring stories or thoughts about prairies.

First Mennonite Church is taking orders for blueberries. A 5 lb box is \$19 & a 10 lb box is \$38. Blueberries will be picked up on Saturday, July 19th. Let me know if you would like to order some. Contact Becky Wigginton

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BIPOC MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
A.K.A. BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL
HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mamie Phipps Clark, PhD, and Kenneth Clark, PhD

Mamie Phipps Clark was born in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1917 and Kenneth Clark was born in 1914 and raised in Harlem, N.Y. Both obtained their bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University. Influenced by her work with children in an all-black nursery school, Mamie decided to conduct her master's thesis, "The Development of Consciousness of Self in Negro Pre-School Children".



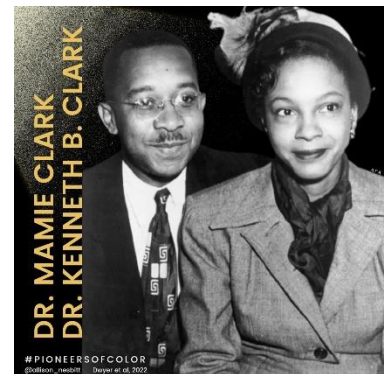
Not long after, she met her soon-to-be husband, Kenneth Clark, who partnered with her to extend her thesis research on self-identification in black children. This work was later developed into the famous doll experiments that exposed internalized racism and the negative effects of segregation for African American children.



The Clarks were the first African Americans to obtain their doctoral degrees in psychology from Columbia University. Kenneth Clark was the First African American tenured full professor at the City College of New York, the first African American to be president of American Psychological Association and the first African American appointed to the New York State Board of Regents.

The Clarks opened their own agency in 1946 called the Northside Center for Child Development. This was the first full-time child guidance center offering psychological and casework services to families in the Harlem area. There they also continued conducting experiments on racial biases in education.

The Clarks were influential to the Civil Rights movement and their expertise allowed them to testify as expert witnesses in several school desegregation cases, including *Brown vs. Board*



of *Education* in 1954. Outside of their research and applied contributions they both served in the community and on committees to make a difference.

Mamie Clark passed in 1983 at age 66, leaving behind two children and Kenneth Clark, who later passed in 2005 at age 91. Both made significant contributions to the field of psychology and to the social movement of their time.



Need something? Have something to give away?

ROUTINE INFORMATION

“SHARING OUR LIVES” weekly power point: We invite photo submissions of events / hobbies / interests in your lives. Send pictures to Linda Showalter at lindashowalter52@gmail.com by noon on Saturday. It will run before and after the service.

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

- Send announcements to Linda Showalter at lindashowalter52@gmail.com by Friday, 10 am.
- **Bulletins** are now attached with the Zoom link for those who are worshipping on Zoom. A link will continue to be sent out each week. If you have a prayer request or announcement

you would like to share, ***type your request live into the chat*** feature on zoom and someone on the tech team will read it to the congregation at church.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER is compiled by Linda Showalter each week. Send information to office@shalommennonite.com by 5 pm on Wednesday.

SAM BIXLER manages our church directory, email add

ress list, and telephone numbers. You can email changes or additions to the office at office@shalommennonite.com or bixlersc@gmail.com.

CRAIG OURY is managing our Zoom calendar, church calendar, and uploads minutes on the church website. If you need to schedule a meeting using the church zoom account or have minutes to upload, you can email the office at office@shalommennonite.com or craig@shalommennonite.com.

BUILDING USEAGE: If you want to use the building for a meeting or event, please check the online calendar first to be sure it's open, then email Craig at office@shalommennonite.com so he can add your item to the calendar. It's helpful to include the contact person and which parts of the building you expect to use.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL: In addition to our podcast, Shalom has a Youtube Channel. 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 youtube.com/@shalommennonite55.

VIDEO RECORDINGS (MP4) of our Zoom worship services are available online. A link to the worship service recordings is on the Member's page of our website.

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