



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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APRIL 30, 2025

CALENDAR

Mon, May 5: *BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN
Sat, May 10: Arlington Woods Spring Clean up, 8am.
Mon, May 12: *BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers
Sat, May 17: Celebration of 500 years of Anabaptism @ First Mennonite (see announcement)
Mon, May 19: *BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN
*BRO: Brian's Roving Office, 9 am – 3 pm

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!

Wed, April 30: Liam Sanders

Sat, May 3: Ernie Hodel

Wed, May 7: Lydie Assefa & Tyler Falk, 2011

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Summer is getting closer! Please think about how you could help with our Children's Ed programs during the Sunday school hour from June-August. More specific requests will be coming soon but you can share your ideas with Laura now.

On June 1, Shalom will hold the annual safety training during adult Sunday school. This training is meant for all Shalom adults even if you don't plan to volunteer on children's programs. Everyone has a role to play to protect children.

Children's Classes

Hall Monitor

May 4: Joann Buerge

May 11: Linda Showalter

May 18: Linda Showalter

May 25:

Teachers:

2-yr old class: Abri Hochstetler and Carol Weaver will co-teach

Pre-K and K: Beverly Smith will teach with Joyce Troyer as a substitute

Elementary: Frank Kandel and Rod Maust will co-teach

Youth: Jeanne Smucker and Brad Yoder will teach

Adult Sunday School Classes:

May 4: Technology & Our Discipleship led by Andrew Martin

May 11: Technology & Our Discipleship led by Andrew Martin

May 18: Antiracism Sunday

May 25: **No Sunday school**

June 1: Child Safety Training

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

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

The MST asks for your prayers as Peter travels to the city of Durán in Ecuador with a Mennonite peace building team of Alexandra, Silvia, José and Patricia on May 16th and 17th. Durán has been the epicenter of the violence in Ecuador for a few years now and is now one of the most dangerous municipalities in the world. In the first three months of this year, 846 people were murdered in the district, twice those murdered in the same time last year. The team will be working with the Durán Mennonite church and other churches in the area on a series of workshops on Shalom, Biblical ideas of peace and on conflict transformation skills. Please pray that God will bless the work and guide God's church in responding to the severe situation. And pray for safe travel as Peter and the team travel to Durán.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

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

As we are starting a new year here at Shalom thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on our commissions. We do have one spot that is yet to be filled. Please be praying for the right person who is willing to serve as chair of the Outreach Commission.

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

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

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday (4/27) Craig preached from Acts 5.

This Week (5/4) Brian will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington
- **Organization:** Mennonite Women

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Day Rally at the Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indiana

On **Thursday May 1, 12-4 pm**, the labor movement, immigrants' rights groups, and a large coalition of organizations are leading a nationwide May Day mobilization to demand leaders put our families, friends, and neighbors over their fortunes and misguided priorities, as well as to continue the call for peace and justice in Palestine/Israel. As the government seeks to divide us and place blame on immigrants, trans people, and other vulnerable persons and groups, this May Day is an opportunity to come together in solidarity, demonstrate our love and concern for all who seek health, hope, and liberation, and show that we, the people, are indivisible.

For more information about Indivisible of Central Indiana: <https://www.indivisiblecentralindiana.org/>

If anyone has seen a red, deep dish ceramic casserole pan with white enamel interior, please contact Sheila Abebe at 317-374-8412. It has been missing since the last carry-in in March.

Jason's Wind Ensemble will play a State pre-lims Preview Concert at Lawrence Central High School tonight, **April 30 at 7pm**. I've heard a few snippets of rehearsals and they sound great! He'll be on the bassoon for this concert.



The communion bread recipe this past Sunday came from the website, *Living healthy with chocolate*. I have been using this recipe for a few years and could not find it on that site, but the banana chocolate bread is the same recipe of course without those two ingredients.

2 cups of almond flour

1 teaspoon whole flaxseed

1/3 flax seed meal. I did not have flaxseed so substituted Cia seed meal.

1 Teaspoon soda

1/2 cup arrowroot

6 tablespoons of butter
4 eggs
1 teaspoon apple cider Vinger
1/2 Greek yogurt
2 tablespoon stevia I used sugar.

Place it in a bread pan with parchment paper. 350 for 35 to 45 minutes

The web site itself is very informative about gluten free food and very tempting as the person loves to put chocolate in everything. Visit the site and be tempted at your own risk.

Enjoy ~ Herb Troyer



ANABAPTISM at FIVE HUNDRED

On **Saturday, May 17**, Shalom and First Mennonite Churches will host a festival to celebrate the 500-year anniversary of the Anabaptist movement. Beginning at 9am, we will join together for worship, education, fellowship, and

service with seminars, food, and opportunities that we would *like* to offer free of charge. For this to happen, we need volunteers, donors, and a general idea of how many people plan to attend. **So far, we have only received \$210 for this event, which is far short of our goal of \$2,000 that we need in order to bring in a guest speaker and provide a common meal.** Please consider donating by writing a check to Shalom with "the Anabaptist 500" written in the Memo line or giving through the newly added "Anabaptist 500" option on Shalom's online giving page, which you can find at [this link](#), Also, we are asking anyone who plans to attend to register at [this link](#) so that the planning team can know how to budget and prepare. It would be especially helpful for those who plan to bring children to let us know so that we can determine whether to provide childcare. We are also looking for volunteers to provide snacks, offer information and assistance to guests during the day, and act in a skit during the evening service. If you would be willing to help in any of these ways, please email Pastor Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com or Pastor Jonathan at jonathan@indymenno.org.



PERSON OF COLOR BIO

Dr. Olivia Juliette Hooker:
Born February 12, 1915
Died November 21, 2018, aged 103



Dr. Hooker was a sailor, psychologist and Fordham University professor. She was one of the last known survivors of the infamous 1921 Tulsa race massacre carried out by the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, which left 300 hundred dead, 800 wounded and 10,000 thousand homeless in Greenwood, Oklahoma, a once-prosperous area known as "The Black Wall Street." Hooker and her family moved to Columbus, Ohio, after the riots. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in 1937 from The Ohio State University.

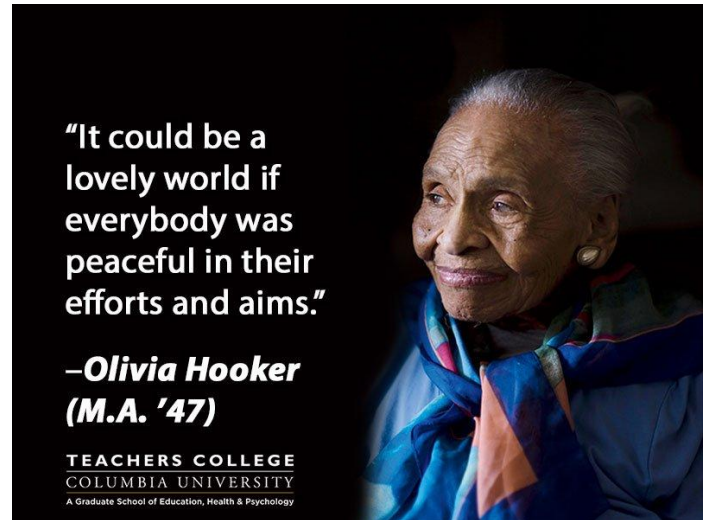
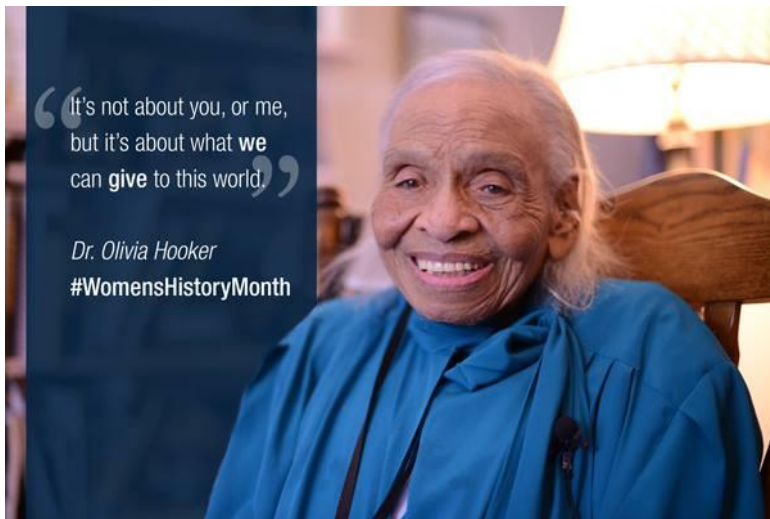
Despite the trauma of her early childhood, she grew up with a desire to serve. She was the first African American woman to enter the US Coast Guard in February 1945. Later, she helped found the American Psychological Association's Division 33, dealing with people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Dr. Hooker spent her career working with the mentally disabled in women's prisons.

In 2003, Dr. Hooker was one of the plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit filed against the state of Oklahoma and the city of Tulsa seeking compensation due to the local government's involvement in the massacre. The US Supreme Court dismissed the case without comment in 2005.

Dr. Hooker joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary at age 95 and was an active participant in the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP until the time of her death at 103. During her lifetime she was celebrated for her accomplishments by presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton.
~ Submitted by Beverly Smith

References:

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<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/hooker-olivia-j-1915/>
2. Tokvig's Almanac 2021: An Eclectic Meander Through the Historical Year by Sandi Toksvig



Need something? Have something to give away?

Herb has a bike to give away. Small 16-inch girl's white and pink bike. Email or call or text. 317- 407-6340.

I have a hoover rug shampoo machine that is clean and ready to use. When turned it on, the brushes turned. It has a hose for cleaning furniture or pillows. I have not used it personally, but I am assuming everything works on it. Contact Herb Troyer if interested.

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 address 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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