



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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JULY 15, 2026

CALENDAR

~~Sun, Jul 19: 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal (CLC)~~
Thu, Aug 6: Shalom Sisters Lunch, 11:30 am (CLC)
Sat, Aug 15: Birthday party for Cheryl, 2-4 pm (Announcement)
Sat, Oct 3: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp

ADMINISTRATION

Mike Wigginton (chair), Andrew Martin, Carl Rhine

COMMUNITY LIFE: RELATIONSHIPS AT SHALOM

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

Celebrations! (Wednesday – Wednesday)

Fri, July 17: Lydie Assefa
Sat, July 18: Carl & Grace Rhine, 1987
Mon, July 20: Wilma Bailey

→ **NO 3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN JULY AND AUGUST.** ←

Shalom
Sisters

The next Shalom Sisters Lunch will meet at Iozzo's Garden of Italy, 946 S. Meridian, 11:30 am on Thursday, August 6.

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Cheryl Martin (chair), Wilma Bailey, Matt Bauman
Pastoral Representative:

Teacher needed for 1st-3rd grade class starting August 23: Explore all the good that God promises using the Shine curriculum to read, create, sing, and pray with our inquisitive, caring young elementary students. Talk to Laura to learn more.

The summer schedule for Sunday school is planned as follows:

July 19 – Antiracism Sunday – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Barbara

July 26 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Cheryl

August 2 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Melissa and Andrew

August 9 – Adults meet in the auditorium with Jeanne for Child safety

Young children will meet with Abri and older children will fill school kits with Carol

August 16 – Antiracism Sunday

Young children will meet with Abri and older children will fill school kits with Carol

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:



**Ready for
a challenge?**

**the school kit
CHALLENGE**

Let's pack 30,000 school kits for
30,000 kids around the world!

Win a pizza party by joining
our social media contest.
Find details and more here.

LEARN MORE!



School Kits for MCC: Shalom's children will participate in the MCC School Kit challenge, filling kits on August 9 and 16. Help MCC meet their goal by bringing in supplies.

Please bring the following items:

We have enough rulers, pencil sharpeners, and erasers so please prioritize the items left in this shorter list.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 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

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Jim Showalter (chair), Angie Buller
VAT Representative: Andrew Martin

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Nizeet Deiter (Chair), Andrew Martin (Vice-Ch) Sam Bixler, Charity Bauman, Abri Hochstetler
Pastoral Representative:

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Melissa Walsh Martin (chair), Justin Hochstetler, Jeanne Smucker
Pastoral Representative:

Last Sunday, 7/12, Phil brought the message on prayer from Luke 11:1–13.

This Sunday, 7/19, Wilma will bring the message. Sermon title: "Being Healed". We will be doing a close reading of the Scripture so you might want to bring the Bible that you use at home to follow along.

Next Sunday, 7/26, Sabrina will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List

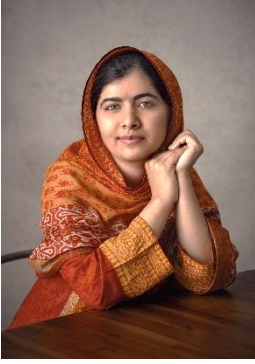
- **Church:** *Good News Community Chapel* is a small Mennonite church in Pickney, MI, that is a member of the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** *Meserete Kristos Seminary* is a seminary in Ethiopia that exists to equip men and women for the holistic transformation of the church and society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to thank Shalom folks for all the prayers, cards, calls and flowers the past few weeks. Knowing of your caring during this time in my life really meant a lot to me and my family. Thank You, Becky and Mike Wigginton

August 15 from 2-4 is a party to celebrate Cheryl's 80th birthday hosted by her children. Please respond to the evite you received several weeks ago. The invitation neglected to say that **children are invited and welcome**. And yes, there will be cake and ice cream for all!! If you have trouble accessing or responding to the evite, just send me a message. ~ Cheryl

PERSON OF COLOR BIO



Sunday, July 12th, was Malala Day

Malala Yousafzai was born in Mingora, Pakistan on July 12, 1997. Welcoming a baby girl was not always cause for celebration in Pakistan but her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, was determined to give her every opportunity a boy would have.

Malala's father was a teacher and ran a girls' school in their village. Malala loved school, but everything changed when the Taliban took control of their town in Swat Valley. The extremists banned many things — like owning a television and playing music — and enforced harsh punishments for those who defied their orders. And they said girls could no longer go to school. In January 2009, when she was just 11 years old, she said goodbye to her classmates, not knowing when — if ever — she would see them again.

She became an activist, speaking out publicly on behalf of girls and their right to learn and blogging about her experiences for BBC Urdu. This made her a target.



In 2011, Archbishop Desmond Tutu nominated her for the International Children's Peace Prize. That same year, she met with the Prime Minister of Pakistan who awarded her the country's National Peace Award for Youth in recognition of her bravery.



In October 2012, on her way home from school, a masked Taliban gunman boarded her school bus and asked, "Who is Malala?" He shot her on the left side of her head. She woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told her about the attack and that people around the world were praying for her recovery.

After months of surgeries and rehabilitation, she joined her family in their new home in the U.K. It was then she knew she had a choice: she could live a quiet life, or she could make the most of this new life she had been given. She was determined to continue her fight until every girl could go to school.

On her 16th birthday, July 12, 2013, she spoke at the United Nations, calling for all children to have access to education. The U.N. recognized July 12 as Malala Day, in honor of her courageous advocacy and to highlight the global struggle for education. With her father, her ally and inspiration, she established Malala Fund, an organization dedicated to giving every girl the opportunity to learn and choose her own future.



She received the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2014, becoming the youngest-ever Nobel laureate.

This was the start of a new journey. With Malala Fund, she began working with a global network of leaders and activists fighting for girls' right to education.

She began studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford. And every day she continued to fight to ensure all girls receive 12 years of education.

She traveled to many countries, from Brazil to Nigeria to Iraq, to meet girls fighting against poverty, wars, child marriage and gender discrimination to go to school. Through Malala Fund, she worked hard to share their stories with the world.

She graduated from Oxford University in 2020. She always treasured her time at Lady Margaret Hall — the lectures, club meetings, balls and late nights (some spent finishing papers, some just chatting with friends in the dorm). Although a global pandemic meant she spent her final months as a university student in her parents' house, she was grateful to complete her education. After taking time to relax, she was more dedicated than ever to her fight for girls.

In 2021, she married Asser Malik, starting a new chapter in their life together.

Malala celebrated Malala Fund turning 10 in 2024. She marked the milestone with a speech at the U.N. House in Nigeria, reflecting on the organization's decade of impact for millions of girls around the world and the work still left to do. She started speaking out even louder for the millions of Afghan girls who couldn't achieve their dreams, banned by the Taliban from going to secondary school and denied their basic rights. In Johannesburg, New York City and Islamabad, she shared their stories and their call to end gender apartheid with global leaders.



As of 2025, Malala continues her advocacy as executive chair and co-founder of Malala Fund, taking the movement for girls' education to governments and leaders around the world. She is passionate about storytelling and continues to uplift girls' voices and demands. Outside of Malala Fund, she is involved in many different projects, from film production to writing.

<https://malala.org/malalas-story>



Have something to give away? Need something? Skills needed or to share? Tools needed or to share?

We have a gas grill and a rototiller we are no longer using. They are free to the first person(s) who want to come get them. One or both. Call Cheryl at 913-375-6264 or Jim at 913-375-6270 to arrange pick up.

ROUTINE INFORMATION

Send email to office@shalommennonite.com for the following:

- **Church calendar** (Grace Rhine)
- **To upload minutes** on the church website. (Carl Rhine)
- **Zoom** (Grace Rhine)
- **Announcements for Journeying Together**, by 5 pm on Wednesday (Linda Showalter)
- **New/update church directory, email address list, or telephone numbers**, managed by Sam Bixler (bixlersc@gmail.com)
- **Building Usage:** 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 the church office so your item

can be added to the calendar. It's helpful to include the contact person and which parts of the building you expect to use.

“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 [at lindashowalter52@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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