

*MARCH: WOMEN'S MONTH AND
IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH*

JOURNEYING TOGETHER
A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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MARCH 18, 2026

CALENDAR

Thu, April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm (see Worship)
Sun, April 5: Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 am, (see CLC); Worship at 10 am (see Worship)
Thu, April 9: Shalom Sisters Lunch, 11:30 (see CLC)
Sat, April 11: A Spring Walk Down the Peace Path, 4 – 6 pm (see Outreach)
Wed, April 15: Wild Church, 10 am (see CLC)
Sat, October 3, 2026: 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: Craig Oury

Celebrations! (Wednesday – Wednesday)
Sun, March 22: Kara Hochstetler

Sun, March 22: Elise Hochstetler

Easter Breakfast April 5th will be at 8:30am. Look for signup sheets on back window. Rolls, bread or breakfast casserole or fruit. Have it ready to set on the tables. ~ Becky



Next Shalom Sisters Lunch, April 9th, will be at Fire by the Monan, 6523 Ferguson Street, Indianapolis (Broad Ripple), 11:30 am.

Wild Church will next take place on **Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.** at Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. Park in the parking lot across from the Nature Center. We will meet under the trees. Bring a chair or cushion for softer seating. The early Spring flowers should be in full bloom by then. Wild Church meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Locations vary.



DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Children's Education will host an Easter Egg hunt after worship on Easter Sunday. Edible treats will be peanut free/no peanut cross contamination.

Sunday school class for the adults

- "Understanding Zionism" with Brad and Sabrina will be in the fellowship hall downstairs.
- The class using the "Salt and Light" materials with Mike will be at the back of the sanctuary.
For March 22:
Lesson 3: Remember us! See us! Wrap up
Lesson 4: Your King is coming.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:

April 11th, 4-6 pm, A Spring Walk Down The Peace Path

Together with our Neighbors we will be learning and enjoying spring ephemerals in the Shalom Woods and on the Peace Path. All are welcome to participate and help greet our neighbors.

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: Craig Oury

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

On **Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm** we will be having a Maundy Thursday service in the church basement. It will be a service of Scriptures, singing, foot washing or hand washing, and communion. All are welcome.

On **Easter Sunday, April 5**, breakfast will be at 8:30 and worship will start at 10, no Sunday school.

Last Sunday (3/15) Craig brought the message from 1 Samuel 15: 34-16:7.

This Sunday (3/22) Craig will bring the message Matthew 17.

Next Sunday (3/29) Dr. James Logan from Earlham will bring the message. Dr. Logan is Senior Associate Vice President and Dean of Faculty; Professor of African and African American studies; Professor of Religion at Earlham College

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Piedra Viva Menonita is a Spanish-speaking church in our Conference, located in Elkhart, IN.
- **Organization:** Mennonite Central Committee is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, which shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. (Contact: Zenebe Abebe)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A service of remembrance for Bob Walson will be at First Mennonite on Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am.

There are two Mennonite camps in southern Michigan that have retreats to which we are invited to attend:

--Wild Church retreat at Amigo Centre, May 15-17. Some of us used to go to a women's retreat at Amigo, but now the retreat is open to all genders.

--Women's retreat at Friedenswald, September 18-20.

If you are interested in either or both of these retreats, please let me know. ~ Martha

Dear Shalom participants,

Twelve households at Shalom have a group subscription to Anabaptist World. The annual subscription renews in June and I need to update our group subscribers list by the end of March. The premium for June 2026 - May 2027 will be \$49 per subscriber. I will pay the entire group premium from my personal account, and subscribers will reimburse me (not Shalom) at their convenience.

If you would like to add your name to our group subscription to Anabaptist World, please let me know the end of next week, so I can add your name to our subscribers list by the deadline.

Bob Love

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

Lyda Newman (1885-?)



Lyda Newman was a remarkable Black female inventor who patented the first hairbrush with synthetic bristles. She is the third Black woman to ever receive a patent. She is also known for her activism in the women's voting rights movement of the early 20th century.

<https://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/lyda-newman>



Inventor and women's rights advocate Lyda Newman is best known for a newly-designed hairbrush patent and her effort to fight for women's rights; particularly, women's suffrage.

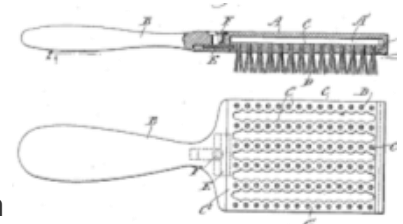
Newman was born in 1885 to a steelworker and a housewife in Ohio. Little is known about her childhood. Her parents wanted her to gain new experiences and have an opportunity for a better life, so they supported her move to New York City although the date of that move is unknown.

Newman's hairbrush was patented in 1898 when she was 13 years old. Newman's interest in making this newly designed hairbrush began when she would do her hair and started doing other women's hair after moving to New York. In search to find a more efficient way to fix her clients' hair, Newman invented the new hairbrush style. By getting it patented, she became the third black woman ever to receive a patent.

Newman's design was specifically made for African American hair and had synthetic bristles instead of animal hair. The synthetic bristles were firmer, lasted longer, and did not break as easily when used on ethnic hair. The synthetic bristles could be moved farther apart and combed through hair easier and they could be detached and reattached very quickly, which improved efficiency. Hairdressers could now take the bristles out and have a new brush much quicker than cleaning the entire brush between clients. Additionally, there was a compartment in the brush that debris such as dandruff and dirt would fall into and could easily be removed for cleaning.

Newman's brush was also unique because it had an air chamber that allowed airflow to the bristles, which helped the brush dry much faster. By making all of these changes to the brush and adding synthetic materials, the new hairbrush was cheaper and easier to manufacture. This made the brush accessible to many women of different backgrounds.

Lyda Newman's Hairbrush (Public Domain)



Newman is also remembered for her women's rights advocacy. By 1915 Newman was highlighted in multiple newspapers for her suffrage work. She was one of the organizers of an African American branch of the Woman Suffrage Party which fought to give women the legal right to vote. Throughout the first decade of the 20th century Newman campaigned in her neighborhood in New York to raise awareness of voting.

Lyda Newman was a remarkable young black woman, but unfortunately the historical record of all that she accomplished in her life remains to be discovered. Even her death date is

unknown. Still, her memory lives on through her hairbrush design, which finally allowed African American women to have a hair product catered to them and their hair, and the change that she helped create by enabling all women to have the vote.

<https://blackpast.org/african-american-history/lyda-newman-1885/>



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

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: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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