



JOURNEYING TOGETHER
A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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AUGUST 6, 2025

CALENDAR

Thu, August 7: Shalom Sister Lunch, 11:30 am (see Community Life)
Sun, August 10: All Church cookout, start at 5:00 (see Community Life)
Sat, August 16: Basement is reserved
Sat, October 4: Shalom Retreat (see Community Life)
Sat, November 15: Shalom will be hosting "A Nature Walk Down a Peace Path"
as part of The Spirit & Place Festival. More info to come.
Sat, October 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

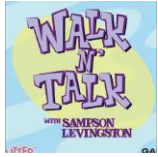
Celebrations!

Mon, August 11: OlaJowon Turentine
Mon, August 11: Donald & Julie Sanders, 2012
Mon, August 11: Daniel & Brenda Grimes, 1984
Wed, August 13: Callie Cook



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.

All Church cookout is planned for Sunday, **August 10th**. The grills will start at 5:00; drinks, hotdogs, mac and cheese and more will be provided. Folks could bring a side, snacks – no main courses are needed. We could use help to set up. Or, just come! (Bring chairs!)



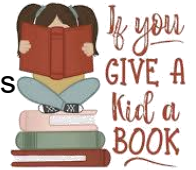
This year's annual retreat will be Saturday, **October 4**, a "Walk and Talk" with Sampson Levingston on Indiana Avenue, downtown Indy (through2eyes). A catered meal will follow at the church, and the afternoon will be available for games and fellowship.

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

If You Give a Kid a Book This program is for children ages 4 – 13 and will go through fall and into the Christmas season. Children are asked to read **10 books** from Shalom's library between now and Christmas – that's only 2 books a month, although they are encouraged to read as many as they want. Small prizes as they go.

(If anyone happens to have 14-15 small items – or ideas - that could be given to the children, please see Linda S.)



Children's Ed for Summer 2025: All Children's Ed classes are covered for August.

Children's Ed for Fall 2025: Fall classes will start on Sept 7.

Fall needs: The Older Elementary class needs one co-teacher (a lead teacher to split dates with Frank) and one or two assistants.

Substitute teachers may be needed for any of the four classes. Please consider adding your name to the list to fill in on occasion.

2-4s class	Early Elementary	Older Elementary	Youth
Leads: Abri and Carol W	Lead: Beverly Smith	Leads: Frank Kandel; need Co-Teacher to split coverage	Leads: Jeanne and Brad
Asst: Rose; could have 1 more to share coverage	No assistant needed	Need Asst or 2 if alternating Sundays:	Asst: Julie can assist as needed
7 kids: Zema, Abigail, Matthias, Vivienne, Allison, Nathan, Callie	6 kids: Yeshe, Luke, Elise, Kara, Junia, Lena	10 kids: Layla, Aubrey, Leo, Calvin, Eva, Lexie, Roslyn, Liam, Sydney, Karina	4 youth: Karina, Jacob, Phoenix, Caleb

Adult Sunday School Classes:

August 10:

1. Lesson #2 – Acts 18:1-11, p 8.
Bible study led by Wilma Bailey meets in back of sanctuary, with Zoom.
2. Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices using the 12 tools of GOGI led by Herb Troyer in basement classroom #1.

August 17: Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe; meets in fellowship hall with Zoom.

August 24:

1. Lesson #3 – Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, p 14.
Bible study led by Wilma Bailey meets in back of sanctuary, with Zoom.
2. Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices using the 12 tools of GOGI led by Herb Troyer in basement classroom #4.

August 31: Labor Day Weekend

1. Lesson #4 - 1 Corinthians 1:1-10, p 20.
Bible study led by Wilma Bailey meets in back of sanctuary, with Zoom.
2. Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices using the 12 tools of GOGI led by Herb Troyer in basement classroom #4.

Study materials are available for both adult classes.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

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

The elementary class put together 52 school kits last Sunday. We can fill the remaining 30 bags that are sewn with these additions:

- 10 packages of 12 colored pencils;
- 50 unsharpened #2 pencils;
- 120 pens, black or blue ink;
- 120 spiral notebooks, 70 pages each.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM**

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

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

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday (8/3) Craig brought a message from Luke 12:13-21 on "Life and How To Live It".

This week (8/10) Peter and Delicia Bravo Wigginton will be sharing about their work in Ecuador.

Next Sunday (8/17) Craig will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List:

- **Church (Conference):** Please pray that all of our conference congregations would be able to receive God's love that reaches beyond borders, and to extend that love as well.
- **Organization: Morning Star Ministries** is a food pantry ministry run by Morning Star Church in Muncie, IN, which Shalom supports. In addition to food, they offer community meals and care to the people whom they serve. (Contact: Frank Kandel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Harms Rosales' Drum corps, *The Battalion*, will be warming up in military park starting between 1-2pm until about 2:45 on **Thursday, Aug 7**. Warmups are free and open to the public. Their performance in Lucas Oil is at 3:13 pm.

STOP REDISTRICTING EFFORT IN INDIANA: Vice-President J.D. Vance is coming to Indianapolis tomorrow to meet with Governor Braun to try to convince him to call legislators in for a special session to gerrymander our Congressional districts. Partisan gerrymandering contradicts the core principle of a representative democracy--that voters should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. If you are concerned about this, it is essential to send a clear message to the governor: no special session for redistricting.

Please call the governor's office at **317-232-4567**. Tell him that Hoosiers do not want or need new Congressional districts. Remind him that Indiana just passed a state budget that cuts programs for seniors, Hoosiers with disabilities and our most vulnerable citizens. Ask him how we have money for new maps if we can't afford to fully fund services that help Hoosiers in need. Remind Governor Braun that he works for us, not the White House. (You can also email him at <https://www.in.gov/gov/contact-mike/>)

Tomorrow (**Thursday 8/6**) there will be two additional opportunities to take action:

- 1) **Stand Up/Sit-In for Hoosier Democracy:** join MADVoters (MAD stands for Mutually Assured Democracy: <https://www.madvoters.org/>), partner organizations, state representatives, and concerned Hoosiers to tell Governor Braun to resist calls from the Trump Administration for gerrymandering in our state. **Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- 2) **Protest at the Governor's Mansion**, 4750 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Beginning **August 10**, we will be collecting cash for Mennonite Central Committee in our "My Coins Count" jug. The donations will be taken to the Michiana Relief Sale on September 26.



Attached is an update from Zenebe, a follow-up to his sharing last Sunday about the Bible Academy in Ethiopia. *Impact Of Our Past, And A Vision For The Future BA Academy Alumni Association*.

Church At The Crossroads – *Conference for Christians Committed To Peacemaking*, **September 11-13** – Parkview Community Church, Glen Ellyn, IL.

Speakers include Jemar Tisby (author of *The Color of Compromise* which we have been reading together this past year), Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Kuttub (co-founder of Nonviolence International, which sponsors Mennonite Action), and Rev. Munther Isaac (Palestinian pastor and author of *Christ in the Rubble*), and many more.

I hope to attend this either virtually or in person and would love to know who might like to join me. ~ Sabrina (See attached for more information.)

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

AUGUST: NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

Historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr founded National Black Business Month in August 2004 to “drive the policy agenda affecting the 2.6 million African American businesses.”

Black business owners account for about 10% of U.S. businesses and about 30% of all minority-owned businesses. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, that amounts to approximately two million companies owned by African Americans.



His Place Eatery started as a catering business with chef James “Mackie” Jones and his mother, Jackie. During that time, he also worked for an area broadcaster in corporate sales but felt a change in his career might be coming. Jones began attending Ivy Tech Community College and graduated with honors in 2009 with a Hospitality Administration degree. Nearly two decades since moonlighting as a caterer, chef Jones and his wife, Shawn, craft handmade dishes offering “the best quality chef-inspired soul food dishes with a unique twist.”

His Place Eatery is near Shalom, at 6916 E 30th St. A second location has been opened at 1411 W 86th St.



Need something? Have something to give away?

Small freezer, 2 feet 8 inches by 32 inches high, by 2 ft.
Someone was moving out of a apartment and set it out for whoever wanted it. I now need to get it out of my garage. Will deliver. Contact Herb 317 407-6340.

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.

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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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