



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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FEBRUARY 12, 2025

CALENDAR

Sun, February 16: Fellowship Meal following Sunday School
Wed, February 19: Wild Church @ SMC, 10 am (see announcement)
Mon, February 24: Fellowship hall reserved: Arlington Woods N'hood Assoc, 5:30-8:30 pm
Thu, February 27: Community Life Commission Zoom meeting, 6:30 pm
Mon, March 3: *BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers
Fri, March 7: Sanctuary reserved: World Day of Prayer (see announcement)
Mon, March 10: *BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN
Sun, March 16: Fellowship Meal following Sunday School
Mon, March 17: *BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN
Wed, March 19: Wild Church, 10 am
Mon, March 24: *BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN
Sat, April 5: Fellowship hall reserved: Troyer's, 2 – 8:30 pm
Sat, May 17: Celebration of 500 years of Anabaptism @ First Mennonite
*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

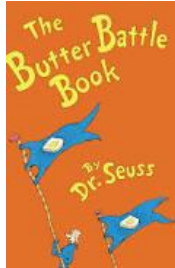
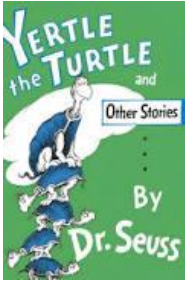
Linda Showalter (Chair), Bethany Martin, Beverly Smith
Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

Celebrations!

Sat, February 15: Anita Brubaker

We're looking for copies of the following Dr. Seuss books for an activity in early April. We'd like to have 16-20 copies, one for each child under Jr. Hi age, plus a couple extra. These can be used books in decent condition.

Yertle the Turtle, The Butter Battle Book, The Sneetches, Horton Hatches the Egg, The Lorax.



DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Children's Classes Hall Monitor:

Feb 16: Joann Buerge
Feb 23: Linda Showalter
March 2:
March 9:
March 16:
March 23:
March 30:

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:

Feb 16: Antiracism Sunday - Color of Compromise, Chapter 7
Feb 23: Salt & Light: Session #13 (page 74) Matt 6:19-24; Confession of Faith Article #21
Mar 2: Salt & Light: Session #9 (page 50) 1 Peter 2:1-10; Confession of Faith Review Articles #9 & #17
Mar 9: Salt & Light: Session #12 (page 68) Matt 18:15-35; Confession of Faith Article #14
Mar 16: Antiracism Sunday
Mar 23: Salt & Light: Session #1 (page 2) Col 1:15-23; Confession of Faith Articles #2 & #8
Mar 30: Salt & Light: Session #2 (page 8) Matt 22:34-40

Mennonite Confession of Faith articles:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith/>

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

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

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

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 (2/9) Rev. Albert Gay brought the message about Ida B. Wells and the socio-political and economic giants she faced from her home state of Tennessee all the way to Washington, D.C.

This week (2/16) Wilma Bailey will bring the message.

Next Sunday (2/23) Craig will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List:

Church: First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, Pastors: Jonathan Landis, Suella Gerber
FMC continues to search for a second pastor to complement our new pastor's gifts and the needs of our community. Pray that candidates would be drawn to apply and God would help all involved discern a good fit. And pray for guidance and strength for our new pastor. Pray for the ongoing healing of internalized insecurity some feel from the coming and going of leadership over many years. Pray for more harmony in the church as we learn to open ourselves up again to each other and to our community as a whole.

Organization: Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association is the community organization that represents the region of Indianapolis that is bounded by 38th street to the north, 21st street to the south, Shadeland to the east, and Sherman to the west - which includes Shalom. Let us pray for them as they seek to beautify the area, bring neighbors together, bring awareness through advocacy, and build/continue legacies through neighborhood stories. (Contact: Becky Wigginton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wild Church will meet inside at Shalom on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m., due to the forecast of frigid temperatures. We will reflect on the sun.

I attended a webinar from the Center for Congregations about immigration and congregations. I would be glad to share links for the video presentation and for the slides, which include lots of resources. The link will expire on March 9, so let me know if you would like me to forward it to you. ~ Martha

"I Made You Wonderful" World Day of Prayer service at Shalom, Friday, March 7. Begins at 9:30 AM with light refreshments; 10:00 - Prayer service written by women of the Cook Islands. ~ Carol Bixler

For those who knew Linda Dixon from First Mennonite, she passed away Tuesday, February 4. Her funeral will be at First Mennonite on Saturday, February 15, at 11 am. You can read her obituary at <https://www.jessenfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=36547469>



MC USA joins more than two dozen Christian and Jewish denominations and associations to protect religious freedoms. To read more follow this link: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-joins-more-than-two-dozen-christian-and-jewish-denominations-and-associations-sue-to-protect-religious-freedoms/>

Mennonite Church USA has joined with 26 other faith traditions to take legal action that seeks to restore the rights of people of faith to gather, worship, and serve without government interference.

Please read the press release at this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-v-homeland-security-spanish?e=545804734d>

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

William Augustus Hinton was a groundbreaking bacteriologist who was best known for developing blood tests to detect syphilis. Syphilis is a bacterial infection that, after being present for many years without treatment, can cause widespread organ damage and death. During his career, Hinton became the first Black person to write a medical textbook in the U.S.—*Syphilis and its Treatment*, published in 1936. He was also the first African American to be promoted to professor at Harvard University.

Hinton was born in Chicago in December 1883 to freed slaves. Both of his parents farmed, and his father also worked as a railway porter. In 1905, after graduating high school and attending the University of Kansas for a couple years, Hinton earned a baccalaureate degree in science from Harvard College. He spent his time after college teaching at numerous universities throughout Illinois, Tennessee, and Oklahoma while furthering his study of physiology and bacteriology. Hinton matriculated at Harvard Medical School in 1909. He graduated with honors in 1912.

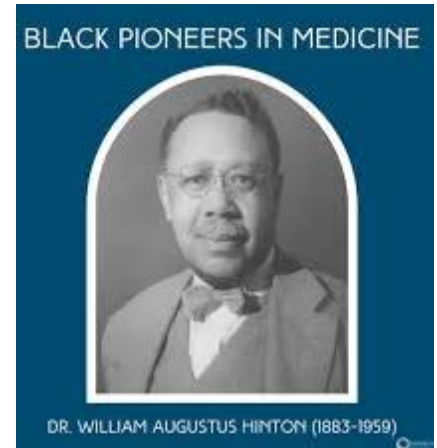
Dr. Hinton was impacted by racial prejudice throughout his career as a medical doctor. Upon graduation, he sought a position in surgery but was barred from hospitals in the Boston area. He instead took a position teaching serologic techniques at the Wassermann Laboratory. While in this position, he became familiar with serologic methods for laboratory diagnosis of syphilis. He performed autopsies on those who passed away from suspected syphilis and conducted research. The assay that Hinton soon developed to test for the disease had a high specificity and was novel for its time.

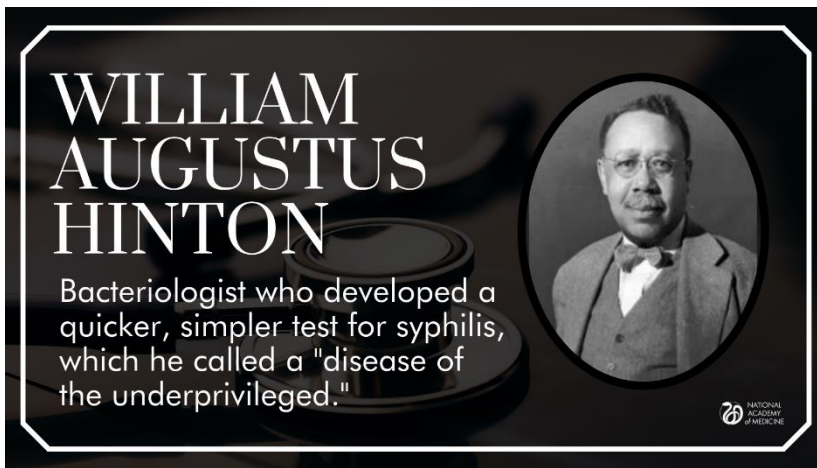
Eventually, Hinton served as assistant director of the Massachusetts Division of Biologic Laboratories and as the chief of the Wassermann Laboratory, which was a part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. He served in these positions for 38 years. Today, the Massachusetts state laboratory building is named in honor of Hinton—the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute.

In 1918, Dr. Hinton began teaching at Harvard Medical School as an instructor in preventive medicine and hygiene. He was appointed to Instructor in bacteriology and immunology in 1946. One year before his retirement, in 1949, Hinton was promoted to clinical professor in bacteriology and immunology. 60 years after his death, Dr. Hinton and his accomplishments were acknowledged with a formal unveiling of his portrait in Gordon Hall's Waterhouse Room at Harvard University. The Hinton painting was requested by the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, in an effort to bring more diversity to University artwork.

"Professor Hinton was indeed a pioneer. A brilliant thinker, experimentalist and a force for good in the service of humankind," said the Dean of Harvard Medical School, George Q. Daley during the unveiling ceremony that took place on September 10, 2019. "He changed the world and made Harvard Medical School a better place in the process."

<https://www.biomerieuxconnection.com/2021/02/18/william-a-hinton-a-pioneer-in-syphilis-detection-the-first-african-american-professor-at-harvard/>





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](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.

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](mailto: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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