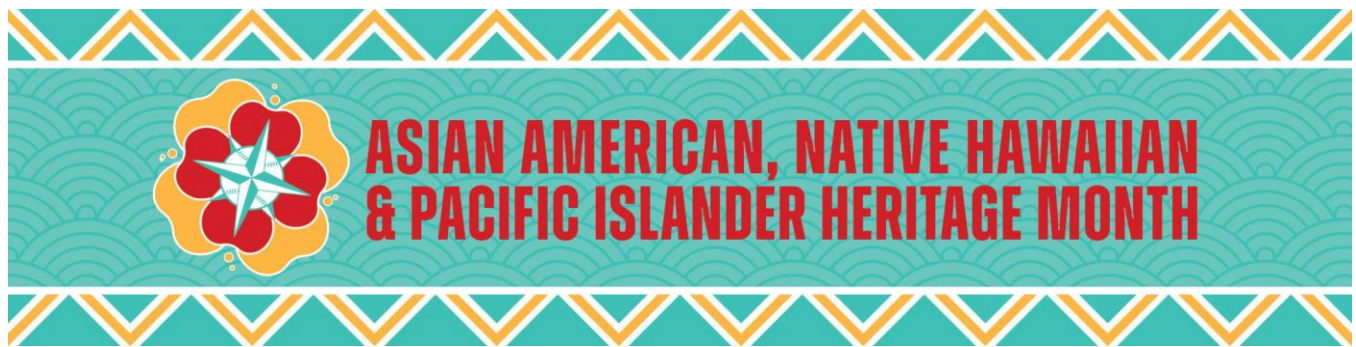




JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

**** To view graphics and a more colorful version, open the attached pdf file. ****

MAY 20, 2026

CALENDAR

Thu, Jun 4: Shalom Sisters Lunch, @ Newfields, 11:30 am (see CLC)
Sun, Jun 7: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 4 pm (see CLC)
Wed, Jun 17: Wild Church, 10 am
Sat, Jun 20: Peace Church Coalition training at Shalom, 10a-2:30p (see Outreach)
Sat, Jul 11: Garage Sale, 9 am – 4 pm (see CLC)
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: Craig Oury

Celebrations! (Wednesday – Wednesday)

Wed, May 20: David Falls
Fri, May 22: Herb & Joyce Troyer, 1976
Sun, May 24: Isaac Lederach & Menan Assefa, 2015
Wed, May 27: Bek Linsenmeyer
Wed, May 27: Lexie Bither



The Shalom Sisters Lunch on June 4th will be at Newfields - we have been there before but the gardens are beautiful now. We can see the fountain and some flowers from the dining room. Lots of parking spaces.

Check your church mailbox for a form to fill out to participate in Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, scheduled for 4 pm **Sunday, June 7!** See Angie with any questions.



Ok, let's do it! There will be a garage sale in the church basement on **Saturday, July 11 from 9 am – 4 pm**. Check out the back window of the sanctuary for more details.

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:

An update from Peter and Delicia is attached.

Shalom will be hosting the next Peace Church Coalition training on **June 20th 10am - 2:30** with lunch provided by Indiana Organizing Project. This is a newly-formed organization started by Stuart Mora who is a member of First Friends Quaker Meeting and of Peace Church Coalition. The June training will be designed to lead up to planning a state-wide Prayer Vigil that will be scheduled the last weekend in August. More info to come.

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

Phil Schmidt, now has a direct email address: phil@shalommennonite.com
Phil also has a bio that is now on the church website (on the menu under: About\Pastors).

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday (5/17) Craig will bring the message from 1 Timothy 4.

This Sunday (5/24) Peter Wigginton will bring the message.

Next Sunday (5/31) Phil will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Benton Mennonite Church is a church in Goshen and is part of the IN-MI Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** Morning Star Ministries, a food pantry ministry run by Morning Star Church in Muncie, which Shalom supports. In addition to food, they offer community meals and care to the people with whom they serve. Contact: Frank Kandel

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are moving from our current home 1611 Trainers, CR, to a retirement community "Greenwood Village South" Greenwood, IN. Our house is currently on the market.

We need to get rid of (an item or two for sale) such as furniture and some tools that we no longer need. We have two solid oak custom made (6.5 ft X 22 inches) bookcases to sell. The bookcases were built by Larry Miller of Goshen. We also have a table to sell. If interested let me know I will send you pictures. ~ Barbara and Zenebe

Heartfelt Thanks from Herb and Joyce Troyer

Thank you to all who have attended Shalom in the past 34 years and all who were present last Sunday to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary! We can't say how much we appreciate your love, hugs, cards, prayers, forbearance, and food. It was wonderful of you to provide the meal! Fifty years of marriage is never guaranteed when couples say wedding vows, and we're thankful to have made it to this point. Looking through photos to display our decades together brought back so many wonderful memories. It also reminded us of those who are no longer on this side of eternity including many dear ones from Shalom. We cherish our relationships with each of you!

Dog sitter needed for this weekend. Saturday 5/23 and Sunday 5/24. Luca is a very loving dog but is pretty big, a medium to large sized dog. The kids and I will be going to Goshen for my nephew's birthday party Saturday and hoping to stay until Sunday afternoon. If Luca stays at our house in Fishers he would need fed and let out Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Or I would be happy to bring him to your house or even someone could stay at my house! If you are available and willing to dog sit please text me at 317-445-2203. Picture of Luca attached. Thank you, Julie Sanders

Indiana AID volunteer Miguel Avila is looking for an inexpensive and gas-sparing vehicle, as he has been driving from Bloomington to Miami Correctional twice a month, to Clay County Jail twice a month, and to events in Indy where speaks on behalf of Indiana AID. Please let Martha know if you have such a vehicle to donate or sell.

Summer Fest 2026 registration is now open. Summer Fest 2026 will be held at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend, Indiana, on June 12-13. Our time together will include worship, fellowship, equipping, and discerning in community.

Registration is \$50. Youth and young adults (ages 18-25) can register at half the cost, \$25 for 25 and under! The weekend is open to all of IMMC.

This [link](#) will take you to the registration page.

This [link](#) will give you information about the schedule and speakers.

REFLECTION

Creating Inclusive Spaces by Jeanne Davies

Often disability inclusion is simple. When we are attentive to the relationships with people in our congregation, we can make accommodations that do not require a committee nor a lot of money. At Shalom Mennonite Church in Indianapolis, an autistic young man lost his place in worship when a visitor sat where he was used to sitting. His grandmother, Jeanne Smucker, shared this story with us.



"When we talk about things that a congregation can do to be inclusive, I am thankful for Shalom Mennonite Church in Indianapolis. Yes, we have an elevator, an ADA restroom, assistive devices for hearing impaired people, interpreters when we have Deaf attendees, and large print Bibles and bulletins. But I also think of the very simple thing that was done to include my autistic grandson, Caleb. He is used to always sitting in one certain pew. One

Sunday visitors, unknowingly, sat there. He was visibly distressed. Noticing that, the worship commission got 'reserved' signs to put on both ends of 'his' pew. Something so simple but so significant in letting him know that he counts!"

In our congregations, we don't need to have big programs to help people feel like they belong. We only need to live out our Anabaptist values of community and mutual care, honoring the worth of each person who is present. Sometimes that involves an expensive project but often it is simply being aware and attentive to one another.

Many thanks to Jeanne Smucker for sharing this story with us, with Caleb's permission. Do you have a story of inclusion or belonging to share? We'd love to hear from you and share it with others.

<https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/creating-inclusive-spaces/>

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian: Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.



In 1998, **Fred Korematsu** was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His journey to that day started during World War II when he refused to be forced into a Japanese American relocation center where families lived in horse stalls at an abandoned racetrack until they were sent to remote internment camps in the West.

During the World War II, Japanese Americans were regarded as a threat to U.S. security. However, Korematsu stood up for his rights as an American-born citizen. He took his case all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, which rejected his claim that the relocation of Japanese Americans during the War was based on racial bias.

Three of the nine Supreme Court Justices sided with *Korematsu* in separate, strongly worded dissents. Some 40 years later, the federal court that originally convicted Korematsu for resisting the mass internment, reopened his case and found significant government fraud in justifying the internment of innocent Americans. That "coram nobis" litigation cleared Korematsu's name and the names of more than 125,000 other incarcerated Japanese Americans, and it laid the legal cornerstone for the 1988 Civil Liberties Act that apologized, conferred \$20,000 individual reparations and created a public education fund so that "it" would not happen again, to anyone. Korematsu is the name now spoken with those of other great Civil Rights leaders.

Korematsu v. U.S. is an example of the importance and the historical impact of what often are called "fiery dissents." In this 6-3 decision, each dissenting justice wrote an opinion addressing the flaws in the majority opinion. It is also an example of how dogged pursuit of justice through the coram nobis cases, even decades later, can have a major impact on social justice.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is described as the nation's highest honor that can be given to a civilian. It is given by the sitting President in recognition of "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or

other significant public or private endeavors. Here is an excerpt from the citation by President Bill Clinton when he presented the medal:



“An American who wanted only to be treated like every other American, Fred Korematsu challenged our nation's conscience, reminding us that we must uphold the rights of our own citizens even as we fight tyranny in other lands.

Defying the 1942 order for the internment of Japanese Americans, he stood strong against anti-Asian prejudice in the United States during World War II. Convicted of violating the order, he waited more than 40 years for justice, when a federal court overturned the judgment that the Supreme Court first upheld against him.... Fred Korematsu deserves our respect and thanks for his patient pursuit to preserve the civil liberties we hold dear.”

<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/annual-observances/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/korematsu-v-us-balancing-liberties-and-safety>



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 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 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 worshiping 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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