



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

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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MARCH 4, 2026

CALENDAR

Thu, March 5: Shalom Sister Lunch @ (Burmese) Kimu Restaurant in Greenwood (see CLC)
Sat, March 14: Eastside Creation Care Network meeting, 8:30-11 am (see Outreach)
Sun March 15: Pizzas For Peace after Sunday School
Sat, October 3, 2026: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp (see CLC)

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)

Sat, March 7: Kim Johnson

Mon, March 9: Rose Love

Mon, March 9: Arianna Wigginton

The next Shalom Sisters Lunch on March 5th will be at Kimu Restaurant which is



Burmese. The address is 280 US 31N., Greenwood, IN 46142. This is directly across from the Greenwood Mall in a small strip mall. Google gives some strange directions to enter the strip mall from County Line Road. Ignore this. Enter the strip mall directly from US 31. Kimu is next to Yatz.



If you would like to send cards to Bill and Mary Albrecht, here are the addresses:
Bill Albrecht
c/o Copper Trace Assisted Living, Room 237
1250 West 146th Street
Westfield, Indiana 46074

Mary Albrecht
c/o Copper Trace, Room 404
1250 West 146th Street
Westfield, Indiana 46074

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Henri Nouwen wrote an interesting message to us about our children. He says children are our guests in this life. "It belongs to the center of the Christian message that children are not properties to own and rule over, but gifts to cherish and care for. Our children are our most important guests, who enter into our home, ask for careful attention, stay for a while and then leave to follow their own way. Children are strangers whom we have to get to know."

I believe this applies to the church also. When our children are dedicated to God, we the church, pledge to help them grow up in Christian faith. This includes teaching them about God and Jesus and the Christian faith in our Sunday schools. Here at Shalom, it is becoming more and more difficult to find persons willing to help our children in this way. While not everyone has gifts for teaching, and some have other responsibilities, there are persons who can help teach our children.

All this to say we need someone or several people to teach the 2nd to 5th grade class for four weeks in March (8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th). Will you step up to meet this call? If so, let Cheryl Martin know immediately (913-375-6264). Thank you.

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.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:

Saturday, March 14: Eastside Creation Care Network meeting at Cumberland Baptist Church, 116 S. Muessing St., Cumberland, 8:30-11:00. All are welcome. Direct questions to Mike and Becky Wigginton

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

Last Sunday (3/1) Sabrina brought the message from Psalm 25:4-10 and Matthew 5:7.

This Sunday (3/8) Craig will bring the message from Matthew 4.

Next Sunday (3/15) Craig will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List

- **Church: Parkview Mennonite Church** is a Mennonite congregation located in Kokomo, Indiana, which is part of our CAMFell cluster of churches
- **Organization: Hoosiers Concerned about Gun Violence** *is a local, nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to ending the rising tide of gun violence and gun-related injuries and deaths. It brings Hoosiers together to seek solutions through education and the promotion of legislation at the local, state, and national levels. (Brad & Sabrina)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This note from the Peace Church Coalition:

Standing in Solidarity with Our Immigrant Neighbors

Join us here at First Friends on **Sunday, March 8** at 12pm for this lunch pitch-in and educational event where you will learn how your gifts can support our immigrant neighbors and community. This event is designed for attendees to learn, ask questions, and find ways to use their own unique gifts to support the most vulnerable members of our community during these difficult times. This is a great opportunity to invite folks who want to be involved but don't know where to start. The event will begin with a pitch-in lunch at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by speakers and training 1:00–2:30 pm in the Meeting room. We're also asking people to bring dishes to share! For **last names A-N**, please bring salad or side; and for **last names O – Z**, please bring dessert.

The event will include stories from people impacted by the actions of ICE/DHS, as well as a Q&A with speakers, ways to be involved, and a small group discussion. We hope you will attend. Hosted by Indivisible Central Indiana, The Peace Church Coalition & the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center.



YOUTH VOICES ON YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 11:30 A.M.

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
609 E. 29TH ST. INDIANAPOLIS

The event will feature a screening of *Run, Hide, Fight: Growing Up Under the Gun*, a youth keynote speaker, a youth panel discussion, and small-group table conversations. Lunch will be provided.

Free to the public, but
registration is required.



REGISTER NOW!

Youth Voices on Youth Gun Violence Saturday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.

at Broadway United Methodist Church, 609 E. 29th St, Indy

The event will feature a screening of *Run, Hide, Fight: Growing Up Under the Gun*, a youth keynote speaker, a youth panel discussion, and small-group table conversations. Lunch will be provided.

Free to the public, but registration is required. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DVFFwYHDQvY/>

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

Before Rosa Parks, there was
Elizabeth Jennings Graham



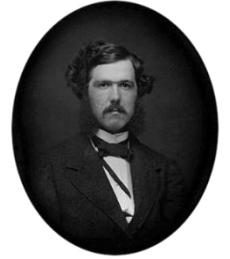
*Elizabeth
Jennings
Graham*

"THE ROSA PARKS
OF THE 19TH
CENTURY"

In 1852, the Third Avenue Railroad Company obtained a franchise to construct and operate a street railway service in parts of Manhattan. The company installed steel rails in the surface of some Manhattan streets and, in July 1853, began a streetcar service consisting of carriages pulled along these rails by horses. Passengers could board or leave the carriages at various points along the route. Some carriages carried a placard "Colored Persons Allowed," but these carriages ran infrequently and African Americans were often permitted to board the general streetcars at the discretion of the driver and conductor, provided none of the other passengers objected.

On July 16, 1854, a 24 year old African American school teacher named Elizabeth Jennings and her friend, Sarah Adams, were on their way to church when they hailed a Third Avenue Railroad Company streetcar. It did not have a placard, and the women were immediately challenged by the conductor. Elizabeth refused to disembark, and the streetcar continued on its route until the conductor sighted a police officer and requested his assistance. Between them, the two men roughly removed Elizabeth from the streetcar, and she found herself on the sidewalk with her “bonnet smashed and her dress soiled.”

With support from the Black community, Elizabeth retained the (white) law firm of Culver, Parker and Arthur to represent her in a lawsuit against the Third Avenue Railway Company. The firm’s junior partner, Chester A. Arthur, had recently been admitted to the bar and the case was assigned to him.



At the jury trial in Brooklyn (the headquarters of the company were located in Brooklyn), Arthur argued that provisions recently enacted in the Revised Statutes relating to common carriers applied to the case, and Brooklyn Circuit Court Judge William Rockwell instructed the jury that, “under the law, colored persons, if sober, well behaved and free from disease, had the right to ride the streetcars” and “could neither be excluded by any rules of the Company, nor by force or violence.” The all-male, all-white jury found for the plaintiff and awarded her damages of \$225. She was also awarded \$22.50 in costs. More importantly, the Third Avenue Railroad Company agreed to the immediate desegregation of its streetcar service.

Other streetcar companies, however, retained segregated services and Elizabeth’s father, Thomas Jennings, an influential member of New York’s Black community and a successful businessman, founded the *Legal Rights Association* to challenge racial segregation in public transportation. By 1861, all New York public transit was desegregated.

In the historical context, Elizabeth Jennings’s bravery and her remarkable legal victory took place six years before the outbreak of the Civil War and 100 years before Rosa Parks’ protest against racial discrimination on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

The importance of Elizabeth Jennings’s case is two-fold: The strategy of the *Legal Rights Association* became a model for later civil rights organizations through its use of public-opinion campaigns, lobbying, civil disobedience and litigation to effect change. The case was also important because it was the starting point in the career of 24-year-old Chester Arthur who went on to become America’s 21st President (1881-85).

<https://history.nycourts.gov/elizabeth-jennings-desegregation-of-public-transportation-in-nyc/>





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 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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