



JOURNEYING TOGETHER
A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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OCTOBER 1, 2025

CALENDAR

Thu, October 2: Shalom Sisters Lunch (see Community Life)
Sat, October 4: Shalom Retreat (see Community Life)
Sun, October 5: CROP Walk (see Announcement)
Mon, October 6 *BRO @ Eastside Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN
Mon, October 13* BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN
Mon, October 20 *BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN
Mon, October 27 *BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers
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.
Sun, December 14: Congregational Budget Meeting, 12 pm
Sat, October 3, 2026: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp
*BRO: Brian's Roving Office, 9am - 3pm

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!

Wed, October 1: Martha Yoder Maust

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Thu, October 2: Junia Martin

Sun, October 5: David & Sabrina Falls, 1980



Shalom Sisters Lunch will be at Driving Wind Farm located at 6410 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis on **Thursday, October 2.**

We will meet at Machu Picchu Peruvian Restaurant located at 5356 W. 38th Street on November 6. All women are welcome.



**It's almost time! Join us this Saturday, October 4,
as we learn about the rich and beautiful history
along Indiana Avenue!**

We will be guided on a 1-hour walking tour of Indiana Avenue with Sampson Levingston (through2eyes [link](#)) on a Walk & Talk that starts and ends at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library at 543 Indiana Ave. Free parking is available. Dress according to the weather. (Learn more about Sampson [here](#).)

- Meet at 543 Indiana Avenue by 9:45 am. If you prefer to carpool, make arrangements with others.
- Beverly, Joann and Linda do not plan to participate in the walk but will be at the church at 9:15 am with coffee, tea and donuts all morning - feel free to join them.
- Lunch will be catered by His Place, a nearby black-owned small business, at 12:30. After lunch, a short devotional, and then free time. Bring indoor and outdoor games!
- Childcare will be provided at the church from 9:30 – noon.

Come, even if you didn't get signed up!

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Cheryl Martin (chair), Wilma Bailey, Matt Bauman

Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Children's Education

We will be looking for lead co-teachers for the older elementary class next quarter. If you want to try it out, you can shadow Frank or be a substitute during the fall quarter.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

1. Bible Study meets in the back of the sanctuary, with Zoom. Facilitated by Wilma Bailey
2. Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices meets in the fellowship hall. Led by Herb Troyer.

October 5:

1. Lesson #8 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-21, p 44.
2. Claim Responsibility: Finding new ways to Walk with Love, pp 83-95 pp 50-51

October 12:

1. Lesson #9 - 1 Corinthians 8:4-13, 10:23-11:1, p 50.
2. Let Go: Just Act in Love, pp 97 -101 pp 52-53

October 19:

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

October 26:

1. Lesson #10 - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, p 56.
2. For-Give: Giving to others, pp 103- 107 pp 54-55. Tools of Creation Kingdom of God, Now

November 2:

1. Lesson #11 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, p 62.
2. What If: In Christ we put on the New, pp 119 – 123 pp 56-57

November 9:

1. Lesson #12 - 1 Corinthians 12-14, p 68.
2. Reality Check: Allowing ourselves to Fail, pp 125 – 129 pp 58 – 59

November 16:

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

November 23:

1. Lesson #13 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, p 74.
2. Ultimate Freedom: Acting out of Love, pp 131 – 137 pp 60-61

November 30: (Thanksgiving Weekend)

1. Lesson #14 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-58, p 80.
2. Wrap up.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Please bring nonperishable food items to Shalom for the next 2 Sundays for delivery to Morning Star Church in Muncie for their Food Pantry outreach.
Thank you,
Frank Kandel for the Outreach Commission

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM**

Jim Showalter (Chair), Angie Buller
VAT Representative: Andrew Martin; Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

Please continue to pray for the discernment process for the chair and member of the Outreach Commission.

VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)

Nizeet Deiter (Chair), Andrew Martin (Vice-Ch) Sam Bixler, Charity Bauman, Abri Hochstetler
Pastoral Representatives: Brian Bither, Craig Oury

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday (9/28) Pastor Craig began a short sermon series on Sabbath and looked at the first Sabbath after creation in Genesis.

This Sunday (10/5) is World Communion Sunday and Craig will continue the Sabbath series looking at God's people experiencing Sabbath again for the first time in the Exodus.

Next Sunday(10/12) Wilma will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List:

- **Church: Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship** is a Mennonite church in Goshen, Indiana, which is part of Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.
Pastors: Billy Funk, Mark Schloneger, Stephanie Wieand
“We give thanks for new members and attenders whose presence and gifts have enriched

our community. Pray that God will guide us as we explore fresh and faithful ways to engage with Scripture, deepening our life together in Christ.”

- **Organization:** *Indiana AID is a volunteer group that supports immigrants detained in the state of Indiana by visiting them, bearing witness to their experiences, and providing resources to them and their families. (Contact: Brian Bither)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday is the 2025 Crop Walk!

Please click on the link below for Shalom's page to donate and or register to walk!

2025 CROP Hunger Walk - Shalom Mennonite

Church <https://share.google/mEQV8L8LpIENUSicE>

All donations go to stop hunger around the world! A \$80 donation would give 4 families chickens to feed their family. The Walk is scheduled for Sunday October 5th at 2pm starting beginning at the InterChurch Center (near Butler University & CTS) 1000 W 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Or if you want to participate virtually and walk the 3 miles on your time in the month of October, that is an option too! Any questions just ask me! ~ Julie Sanders

Nonviolence International (NI), [a partner organization of Mennonite Action], continues to be alarmed about harmful uses of technology in Palestine. Join us on Sunday, October 19 for a powerful online round table, *The Israel Occupation Tech Lab*, part of the [Voices from the Holy Land Film Salon](#) series. Together, we'll explore how the occupation has turned Palestine into a testing ground for technologies of domination which have globally abetted the decay of privacy and other civil rights. Panelists will discuss the global reach of these tools, their impact on human rights, and the urgent need to imagine collective alternatives rooted in justice and freedom.

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 3:00pm ET / 12:00pm PT / 10:00pm

Jerusalem. [Register: free to join and get access to the videos.](#)

Watch the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/1119210833>.

You'll hear from an inspiring lineup of panelists:

- Helga Tawil-Souri: Palestinian-American scholar and Associate Professor, NYU,
- Omar Zahzah: Assistant Professor, Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies, San Francisco State University,
- Mohammad Natsheh: Palestinian human rights activist in the South Hebron Hills,
- Rafif Jouejati: Host; Syrian-American human rights activist, chair of Nonviolence International's board,
- Bianca Peracchi: Moderator; Brazilian human rights activist, Nonviolence International.

Watch the films for free at your convenience - then join us for the live panel and Q&A session. Together, we'll ask the tough questions:

- 1) How do you see these tools shaping everyday life under the Palestinian occupation?
- 2) How do digital systems and databases, used to track and control Palestinians, pose a threat to human rights?, and
- 3) How can people resist or challenge the spread of these “battle-tested” technologies sold across borders?

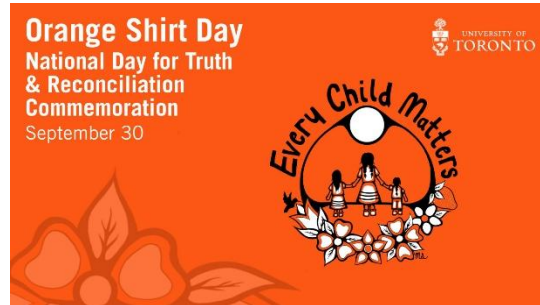
Spread the word, share the trailer, and RSVP today [here](#).

Steadfastly, Sami Awad, Co-Director, Nonviolence International ~ Brad Yoder

REFLECTION ON OUTREACH

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

While it is still Hispanic Heritage Month, another day of observation needs to be highlighted this week.



Orange Shirt Day, also recognized as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or the National Day of Remembrance, is a movement that is observed every year on September 30.



The movement began 22 years ago to raise awareness about the history and lasting impacts of Canada's residential school system on Indigenous communities. It was on that day that Phyllis Jack Webstad, a residential school survivor, shared her story at a 2013 commemoration event for the St. Joseph Mission Residential School.



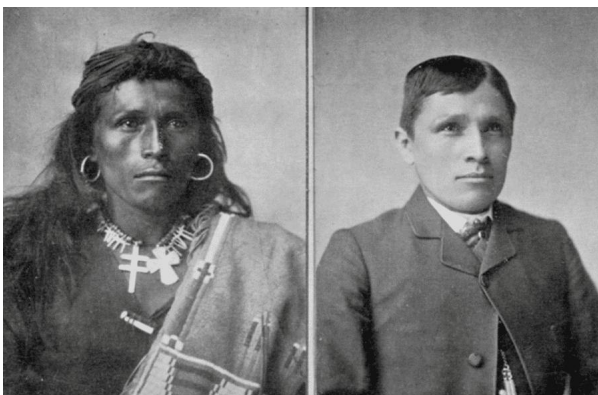
Webstad recalled her first day of school when her brand-new orange shirt, a gift from her grandmother, was taken from her and never returned. That personal loss became a powerful symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children.

Today, the orange shirt stands both as a reminder of that system and as a broader emblem of strength, truth, renewal, and resilience within Indigenous traditions.

September 30 was chosen because it marked the time of year when many Indigenous children were removed from their homes and taken to residential schools. The day's official tagline, "Every Child Matters," reinforces the importance of honoring all children and cultural experiences.

Communities now observe Orange Shirt Day with memorial walks, educational programming, film screenings, and public lectures. These events encourage reflection on the legacy of residential schools and highlight the ongoing need for truth-telling and reconciliation.

<https://nativenewsonline.net/currents/orange-shirt-day-events-2025>



*Before and after Indian boarding school, or eradicating the Indian.
(Photo Courtesy Heard Museum)*



Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone students at the Carlisle Indian School, 1881, shortly after their arrival from Wyoming Territory. Soon, the boys' braids would have been cut and they would no longer have been allowed to wear traditional dress. The two boys in hats are reportedly Shoshone. John Choate photograph.





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

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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