



***JOURNEYING TOGETHER***  
***A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church***

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**AUGUST 27, 2025**

**CALENDAR**

Thu, September 4: Shalom Sisters lunch, 11:30 am (see Community Life)  
Sun, September 21: Carry-in Fellowship Meal following Sunday School  
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!**

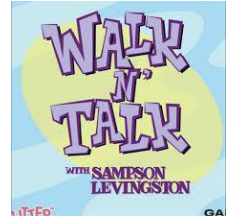
Today, August 27: Nuria Urquizo Maust  
Thu, August 28: Solomon Abebe  
Thu, August 28: Grace Rhine  
Sun, August 31: Melissa Walsh Martin



The *Shalom Sisters Lunch* will take place in the cafe at Newfields, The Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road, at the corner of 38th St. and Michigan Road on **September 4**. Parking in the surface lots or in the underground garage is free. There is no fee to enter the museum building when you are going to the cafe or gift shop. However, Sept. 4 is the first Thursday of the month. Admission to the entire museum and the museum grounds are free on the first Thursday of the month. So, if you have the time, plan to visit the galleries or walk through the gardens after lunch.

## 2025 Annual Retreat

**Join us on 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 does not plan to participate in the walk but will be at the church at 10 am with coffee, tea and donuts all morning - feel free to join her.

Lunch will be catered by His Place, a nearby black-owned small business. After lunch, a short devotional, and then free time. Bring indoor and outdoor games!

A sign-up will be posted on the sanctuary window. We'll need to know how many to expect for the Walk and the meal.

## DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

**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; <b>need Co-Teacher to split coverage</b>	Leads: Jeanne and Brad
Asst: Rose; <b>could have 1 more to share coverage</b>	No assistant needed	<b>Need Asst or 2 if alternating Sundays:</b>	Asst: Julie can assist as needed
7 kids: Zema, Abigail, Matthias, Vivienne, Allison, Nathan, Callie	6 kids: Yeshi, 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:**

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.

**Sunday, August 31: (Labor Day Weekend)**

1. Lesson #4 - 1 Corinthians 1:1-10, p 20.
2. Five Second Lightweight: Choosing to act in Love, pp 53-57 pp 42-43. Tools of Choice: Putting off the Old and Putting on the New

**September 7:**

1. Lesson #5 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:1-14; 3:1-4, p 26.
2. Positive Thoughts: Evaluating our Spiritual Life, pp 58-69 pp 44-45

**September 14:**

1. Lesson #6 - 1 Corinthians 3:1-23, p32.
2. Positive Words: What we tell ourselves Spiritually, pp 71-75 pp 46-47

**September 21:**

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

**September 28:**

1. Lesson #7 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 6:1-8, p 38.
2. Positive Actions: Acting out of Love to Self and Others, pp 77-81 pp 48-49. Tools of Moving Forward: Finding a New Ability to Love

**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), Chuck Dunn, Becky Wigginton  
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM**

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

The SGDT is pleased to announce that Cheryl Martin has agreed to serve as the chair of the Discipling Commission. Please communicate affirmation and feedback for Cheryl to Pastor Craig ([craig@shalommennonite.com](mailto:craig@shalommennonite.com)) by **September 3**.

Please continue to pray for the discernment process for the chair and member of the 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 (8/24)** Wilma brought the message "All Who Take The Sword Will Perish By The Sword" Matt. 26:52 NRSV. It will demonstrate a way of understanding some of the violence in the Old Testament.

**This Sunday (8/31)** Frank will bring the message on "We See from Afar", talking about Faith.

**Next week (9/7)** Craig will bring the message.

#### **This week's Prayer List:**

**Church:** *Indiana Michigan Mennonite Church Chaplains:* Neil Amstutz, CarolSue Borkholder, Kelly Carson, Ruben Chupp, Shawn Gerber, Ursula Hess, Renée Kanagy, Simon Mungai, Lee Pfahler, Phillip Wiechart.

Please pray that our chaplains would be sustained with patience, grace, wisdom, and hope as they walk with individuals and families facing great challenges and transitions. May their ministries be a blessing to many.

**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

Pastor Craig will be on vacation August 25-31.

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



We are 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.

## PERSON OF COLOR BIO AUGUST: NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

When was the last time you had authentic Ethiopian food? Axum Ethiopian Restaurant has the best Dero Aliche, Gomen Wot, and Whole chickpeas. There are vegan options. 825 N. Pennsylvania Street



If you want a mix of sweet and savory, check out Maxine's Chicken & Waffles where they provide the "taste of love in every bite." Made from fresh ingredients at an affordable price and generous servings, Maxine's will make you feel like you are at grandma's house. 132 N. East Street

For a sweet treat, go to Gordon's Milkshake Bar and order from Gordon's Signature Menu of ice cream nachos, beignets, cinnamon apple tamales, and more! 865 Mass Ave.



A & M Catered Baked Goods (formerly known as A&M Bakery Café) also has plenty of desserts to choose from along with signature breakfast items and delicious lunch options. During the winter, they operate as a web-based business, but you can catch them at the Garfield and Irvington Garden Club Farmers Markets in the spring and summer. Email [george@ambakery.net](mailto:george@ambakery.net); 317-801-2476



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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [bixlersc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [craig@shalommennonite.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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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