



JOURNEYING TOGETHER
A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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JUNE 18, 2025

CALENDAR

Thu, Jul 3: Shalom Sisters Lunch, @ Blueberry Hill on E. Washington, 11:30 am

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!

Wednesday, June 18: Jeanne Smucker & Brad Yoder, 2016

Friday, June 20: Carol & Sam Bixler, 1981

Saturday, June 21: Jacob Martin

Tuesday, June 24: Leo Maust

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Summer Children's Sunday School volunteer needs:

June 29 - We do not have a teacher for Pre-K/K class on June 29. Parents may need to keep this age-group with them as part of the inter-generational series. Laura can provide digital materials if there is someone interested in teaching a lesson that day.

August 24 - teachers are needed for Pre-K/K and Elementary. Laura can provide digital resources for the lessons that day.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

June 22: Sabrina Falls and Lydie Assefa sharing in the intergenerational Faith & Food class.

June 29: Linda Showalter, Craig Oury & Brad Yoder sharing in the Intergenerational Faith & Food class.

July 6: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 13: Food and Faith, intergenerational

July 20: Caucus Sunday

July 27: Reports from IN-MI and MCUSA conferences

Beginning August 3:

A sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the sanctuary for the class, *Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices allows Love to Blossom*. This will be led by Herb Troyer, starting August 3. (See attachment)

The *Salt & Light Bible study in I Corinthians* also begins on Aug 3. Wilma Bailey is facilitating that class. No sign-up necessary, study booklets have already been purchased.

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

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 (6/15) we heard from our Conference pastor, Joanne Gallardo, via video.

This week (6/22) Craig will bring the message from Mark 6:30-46.

Next Sunday (6/29) Sabrina will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List:

- **Church:** Peace Community Mennonite in Detroit, MI.

- **Organization:** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is the MCUSA affiliated seminary in North America, whose work in Anabaptist theological education is rooted in the saving power of the life, death, resurrection and ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. (Contact: Wilma Bailey)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No 3rd Sunday Carry-in in July since a lot of folks travel and it can get hot in the kitchen in the Summer! Keep an eye out for our Summer Picnic! ~ Becky

IN HONOR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC MONTH PERSON OF COLOR BIO

THE PRINCE OF PREACHERS

Charles Tindley (1851-1933)



It is Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993), composer of "Precious Lord" and "There Will Be Peace in the Valley," who is known as the "Father of Gospel Music." But if that is true, then **Charles Albert Tindley** is the "Grandfather of Gospel Music," for it was Tindley who virtually invented the style a generation before Dorsey began composing, and it was Dorsey's hearing Tindley's hymns at an annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Philadelphia that led Dorsey to begin writing religious music. Dorsey had previously been a successful jazz and blues

musician who often made use of bawdy and brash lyrics. While Dorsey went on to successfully blend the sacred spirituals and hymns with the secular styles of blues and jazz, he always acknowledged his debt to Tindley.

Tindley was born fourteen years before the end of the American Civil War, the son of slave parents. By age five, both of his parents had died. By age 17 he had taught himself how to read. He moved to Philadelphia and found employment as the janitor for the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. He took night classes and later correspondence courses from Boston University, eventually being ordained in the Methodist ministry.



In 1902 Tindley was appointed pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church, the church that had employed him thirty years earlier as its janitor. This was to be his position until his death in 1933. During his appointment at Calvary, the church experienced great growth in numbers and ministry, growing to over 7,000 members that included African Americans, Europeans, Jews, and Hispanics. Upon building a new church building, the congregation changed its name over Tindley's protest to Tindley Temple Methodist Church.

Tindley composed forty-seven hymns, some of which are still protected by US copyright law. Tindley's hymns formed the basis of the black gospel hymn style for all who came after. They were based on the spiritual and the blues and included elements from white gospel style.

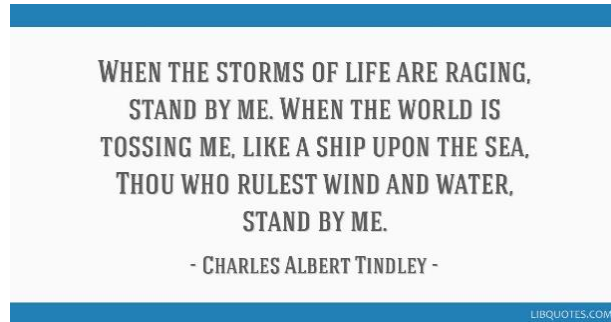
Tindley's lyrics are a reflection of the daily lives of African Americans of the time, and speak of poverty, discrimination, suffering, with deliverance, freedom, and a better day coming.

Tindley's hymns in *Voices Together*:

VT #595 "When the Storms of Life Are Raging" (STAND BY ME)

VT #311 We Are Often Tossed and Driven

"I'll Overcome Someday" is the hymn that was transformed into the greatest of all the civil rights era's freedom songs, "We Shall Overcome", VT #803



<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/charles-albert-tindley-1851-1933-grandfather-of-gospel-music>



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 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 add

ress 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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