



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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FEBRUARY 5, 2025

CALENDAR

Sun, February 9: Game Night, 4:30 pm (see announcement under Community Life)
Sun, February 16: Fellowship Meal following Sunday School
Wed, February 19: Wild Church, 10 am
Thu, February 27: Community Life Commission Zoom meeting, 6:30 pm
Mon, March 3: *BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers
Mon, March 10: *BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN
Sun, March 16: Fellowship Meal following Sunday School
Mon, March 17: *BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN
Wed, March 19: Wild Church, 10 am
Mon, March 24: *BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN
Sat, May 17: Celebration of 500 years of Anabaptism @ First Mennonite
*BRO: Brian's Roving Office, 9 am – 3 pm

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!

Fri, February 8: Barbara Longoria



Game Night, Sunday, February 9, 4:30 pm

Come for fun, food, fellowship and football! Bring favorite table games. There will be activities for the kids.

Community Life Commission is putting together a **care package** to send Marcela for Valentine's Day. If you'd like to participate, please bring some snacks and or a note letting her know that she is loved and missed. There is a box by the nursery for you to drop off those treats and notes by Sunday February 9. Below is a list of some of her favorites as well as foods to avoid due to allergies. Thanks, the CLC.



Marcela cannot have any gluten and has allergies to almonds. Gluten is found in wheat, barley, rye, soy sauce, BBQ sauce, and some spice mixes. Many snack foods have gluten but below are some that don't. Baked goods that use almond flour as an alternative to wheat don't work for her. Oats are iffy unless processed in a gluten free plant.

- Flaming hot Cheetos
- Rice Krispie treats (check for gluten)
- Popcorn - microwave or bagged
- Reese's peanut butter cups
- Chocolate like Hershey's, dove, etc as long as they don't have cookie pieces or almonds
- Peach rings (check for gluten)
- Plain potato chips
- Gluten free Oreos
- Gluten free pretzels
- Annie's brand GF Mac n cheese single serve cups
- Scharr brand GF ciabatta rolls
- Mott's or Welch brand fruit snacks (can check ingredients of other brands for wheat starch)

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Substitute needed for the Pre-K class

- * Feb 9 - THIS WEEK!
- * Feb 16

Children's Classes

Hall Monitor:

Feb 9: Joann Buerge
Feb 16: Joann Buerge
Feb 23: Linda Showalter

Teachers:

2-yr old class: Abri Hochstetler and Carol Weaver will co-teach
Pre-K and K: Beverly Smith will teach with Joyce Troyer as a substitute
Elementary: Frank Kandel and Rod Maust will co-teach
Youth: Jeanne Smucker and Brad Yoder will teach

Adult Sunday School Classes:

February 9 - Salt & Light session 11. Becoming Great, Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14
February 16 - Caucus Sunday, Color of Compromise, Chapter 7

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Chuck Dunn, Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

Angie Buller
VAT Representative: Nizeet Deiter; Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

As we are starting a new year here at Shalom thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on our commissions. We do have one spot that is yet to be filled. Please be praying for the right person who is willing to serve as chair of the Outreach Commission.

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

Brittany Bither (chair), Justin Hochstetler, Jeanne Smucker
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Last Sunday (2/2) Craig brought the message from Luke 4:21-30.

This week (2/9) Rev. Albert Gay will bring the message about Ida B. Wells and the socio-political and economic giants she faced from her home state of Tennessee all the way to Washington, D.C.



Albert has worked in the field of substance use/misuse prevention since 1994. In addition to substance use/misuse prevention, he trains on behavioral health and public health topics, including equity. Albert has received the 2018 Civic Leadership Award for Community Service Excellence, the 2016 William J. Bailey Prevention Leadership Award, and the 2005 Spirit of Geminus Customer Service Award. He holds a B.A. in English Arts from Hampton University and an M.S. in Management from Oakland City University. Albert enjoys sci-fi and fantasy movies and watching football. Ministry is a strong passion of his.

Next Sunday (2/16) Wilma Bailey will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List;

Church: Our church in focus today is **Fellowship of Hope**. Their interim pastor is Peter Martin.

Organization: Morning Star Ministries is a food pantry ministry run by Morning Star Church in Muncie, IN, which Shalom supports. In addition to food, they offer community meals and care to the people whom they serve. (Contact: Frank Kandel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Dad passed away Wednesday afternoon. Remember my Mom as she makes the transition after 73 years with my Dad. Wilbur Wigginton 8/16/1933-2/4/2025. ~ Mike Wigginton

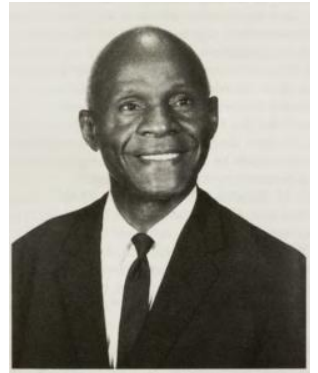
In recognition of Black History Month and Shalom's commitment to eliminating racism, attached is information and a way to register for a great opportunity to hear two Black Biblical scholars on February 27th discuss their perspectives on how scripture helps us to challenge racism and sexism, as an expression of our faith. ~ Brad Yoder

Eva Crawford (Roslyn's sister who comes sometimes) is selling girl scout cookies.
<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/eva870958>

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

James Hudson
(1903-1980)

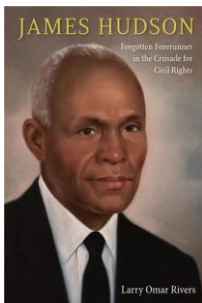
Philosopher, theologian, Baptist minister, pastor, college chaplain,
academic administrator,
civil rights activist and teacher of Gandhian nonviolence.



Born in Birmingham, AL, James Hudson had his lower right arm amputated following incompetent medical attention when he was seven years old. His mother died a few years later. Those two experiences shaped his life and theology.

James Hudson studied at Morehouse College, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and Boston University. His wife was an elementary school teacher. They had one son.

As a professor at Florida A & M University, James Hudson had significant influence on his students and encouraged civil rights activism. He had frequent contact with leaders such as Martin Luther King and held supportive positions in the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Fellowship of Religious Workers in Colleges and Universities. He wrote for the Young Adult Quarterly Sunday School lessons of the National Baptist Convention. His training helped the activists in the Tallahassee Bus Boycott of 1956 remain nonviolent.



For more details, read Larry Omar Rivers' biography, *James Hudson: Forgotten Forerunner in the Crusade for Civil Rights*, published in 2024.

There is a copy in our library.



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 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.

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 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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