



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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MAY 27, 2026

CALENDAR

Thu, Jun 4: Shalom Sisters Lunch, @ Newfields, 11:30 am (see CLC)
Sun, Jun 7: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 4 pm (see CLC)
Wed, Jun 17: Wild Church, 10 am
Sat, Jun 20: Peace Church Coalition training at Shalom, 10a-2:30p (see Outreach)
Sat, Jul 11: Garage Sale, 9 am – 4 pm (see CLC)
Sat, Oct 3: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp

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)

Wed, May 27: Bek Linsenmeyer

Wed, May 27: Lexie Bither

Tue, Jun 2: Lorraine Harms

Tue, Jun 2: Jim & Linda Showalter, 1973



Shalom Sisters Lunch on **June 4th** will be at Newfields - we have been there before but the gardens are beautiful now. We can see the fountain and some flowers from the dining room. Lots of parking spaces.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you didn't pick one up on Sunday, one is attached. It is scheduled for **Sunday, June 7**, coming up quickly! Fill it out and get it back to Angie by this Sunday, May 31, to participate!

There will be a garage sale in the church basement on **Saturday, July 11 from 9 am – 4 pm**. Check out the back window of the sanctuary for more details.



DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Quarterly Sunday School Class 5/31/2026: This will be our final class before summer Sunday School classes. We will discuss Chapter 10 and reviewing what we learned in Chapters 1-9.
~ Mike

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:

Shalom will be hosting the next Peace Church Coalition training on **June 20th 10am - 2:30** with lunch provided by Indiana Organizing Project. This is a newly-formed organization started by Stuart Mora who is a member of First Friends Quaker Meeting and of Peace Church Coalition. The June training will be designed to lead up to planning a state-wide Prayer Vigil that will be scheduled the last weekend in August. More info to come.

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 (5/24) Peter Wigginton brought the message.

This Sunday (5/31) Phil will preach on the theme of "Sabbath rest" from Leviticus 25.

Next Sunday (6/7) Phil will preach on the theme of "Sabbath rest" from Mark 6.

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship is in Goshen and is part of Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association is the community organization that represents the regions of Indianapolis bounded by 38th Street to the north, 21st Street to the south, Shadeland to the east, and Sherman to the west, which includes Shalom. Let us pray for them as they seek to beautify the area, bring neighbors together, bring awareness through advocacy, and build/continue legacies through neighborhood stories.
Contacts: Becky

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are moving from our current home 1611 Trainers, CR, to a retirement community "Greenwood Village South" Greenwood, IN. Our house is currently on the market.

We need to get rid of (an item or two for sale) such as furniture and some tools that we no longer need. We have two solid oak custom made (6.5 ft X 22 inches) bookcases to sell. The bookcases were built by Larry Miller of Goshen. We also have a table to sell. If interested let me know I will send you pictures. ~ Barbara and Zenebe

Indiana AID volunteer Miguel Avila is looking for an inexpensive and gas-sparing vehicle, as he has been driving from Bloomington to Miami Correctional twice a month, to Clay County Jail twice a month, and to events in Indy where speaks on behalf of Indiana AID. Please let Martha know if you have such a vehicle to donate or sell.

Summer Fest 2026 registration is now open. Summer Fest 2026 will be held at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend, Indiana, on June 12-13. Our time together will include worship, fellowship, equipping, and discerning in community.

Registration is \$50. Youth and young adults (ages 18-25) can register at half the cost, \$25 for 25 and under! The weekend is open to all of IMMC.

This [link](#) will take you to the registration page.

This [link](#) will give you information about the schedule and speakers.

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian: Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.



Grace Lee Boggs

June 27, 1915 - October 5, 2015

Grace Lee Boggs's experiences as a Chinese American woman alerted her to the need for social change in the United States. Boggs was born above her father's restaurant in Providence, Rhode Island on June 27, 1915. Her parents were both immigrants from China. Boggs became increasingly aware of racism after her family moved to New York City when she was 8. She grew up in Jackson Heights in Queens, New York. She and her family were the only Chinese people in the neighborhood. Boggs recalled feeling that she could not be Chinese and American at the same time. Nevertheless, her middle-class background afforded her opportunities. At 16 years old, Boggs began studying at Barnard College in Manhattan. She was one of only three students of color. At the time, she felt unprepared and unclear about her path. In 1935, Boggs graduated with her bachelor's degree in philosophy. She went on to earn her PhD in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

Employers refused to hire Boggs due to her gender and ethnicity. Years later, she remarked that "Even department stores would say, 'We don't hire Orientals.'" She eventually got a job at the University of Chicago's philosophy library. Although she was no longer unemployed, Boggs

earned only a \$10 weekly stipend. Because her pay was so low, she could not afford rent. Instead, she lived in a rat-infested basement for free.

Boggs's involvement in revolutionary activism took off after she moved to Chicago. One day, she passed a group protesting inadequate living conditions among the poor, especially low-income African Americans. Those conditions closely resembled her own living situation. Boggs became involved with grassroots organizations that advocated for tenants' and workers' rights, such as the South Side Tenants Organization and socialist Workers Party. She later noted that this was the first time she connected with the African American community. "I was aware that people were suffering, but it was more of a statistical thing," she explained. "Here in Chicago, I was coming into contact with it as a human thing."

Through her work, Boggs also became involved with the proposed 1941 March on Washington. Organized by prominent African American labor unionist A. Philip Randolph, the march protested the segregation of the military and wartime manufacturing. Before the march could occur, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, which banned discrimination in the U.S. defense industry, so Randolph called off the march. The Executive Order was an important step toward full desegregation. Becoming involved with the march and meeting Randolph helped Boggs realize what a movement could do.

Under the name "Ria Stone," Boggs became a central member of the Johnson-Forest Tendency, led by C. L. R. James and Raya Dunayevskaya. Named after its founders' pseudonyms, the Johnson-Forest Tendency was a Marxist-Humanist subset of the Workers Party and later Socialist Workers Party. For twenty years, Boggs worked closely with James, a Trinidadian historian. Collaborating with James majorly influenced Boggs's social theory. During the 1950s, Boggs moved to Detroit and began editing the radical newspaper *Correspondence*, which supported worker-centered revolution.



While working for the paper, she met auto worker and activist James "Jimmy" Boggs. They married in 1953. Until she met her husband, Boggs felt that her knowledge of revolutionary struggle had mostly come from books and theory, instead of the streets. The couple threw themselves into supporting the local community. They quickly gained prominence for their writing and grassroots activism, which advocated for workers, the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, the elderly, and revolution to support those causes.

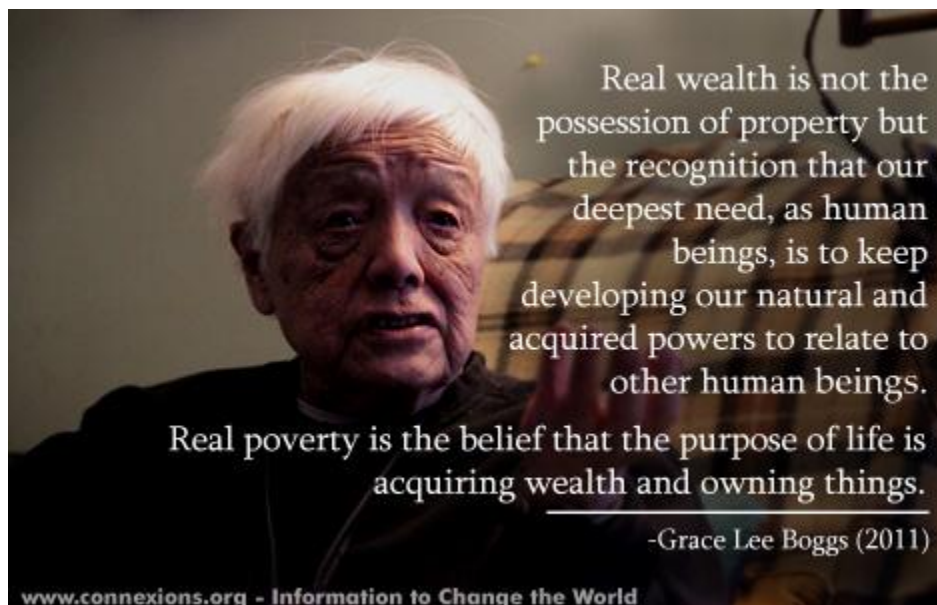
The Boggs also protested in support of the civil rights and Black Power movements. When Malcolm X visited Detroit, he stayed at their home. Grace Lee Boggs even tried to convince him to run for the U.S. Senate in 1964. James and Grace Lee Boggs's home served as the headquarters of the Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership, which supports activism and grassroots organizing on a local and national scale.

During her doctoral studies, Boggs became interested in the work of Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Immanuel Kant, Karl Polanyi, and Karl Marx. Their theories of social change inspired her approach to rooting out societal inequity. Although her ideas initially focused on revolution, Boggs promoted personal transformation, reflection, and community organizing rather than violence. As Boggs continued in her activism, her views on rebellion and revolution evolved over time. In an interview, she explained:

"What we tried to do is explain that a rebellion is righteous, because it's the protest by a people against injustice, but it's not enough. You have to go beyond rebellion. And it was a turning point in my life because until that time, I had not made a distinction between a rebellion and revolution. And it forced us to begin thinking, what does a revolution mean? How does it relate to evolution?"

In 1992, Boggs co-founded Detroit Summer, a community-based youth empowerment and engagement program. When her husband James died the following year, Boggs became even more involved in Detroit activism. Reflecting on her life with James and her work with the Johnson-Forest Tendency, Boggs began to shift away from revolution and toward “solutionaries.” She drew inspiration from the everyday struggles of the oppressed. From their strategies for survival, Boggs learned to identify and develop solutions to make life livable. She realized change had not come from within the government or from putting pressure on the institutions of power. In her last book, *The Next Revolution*, she stressed: “It is a time of deep change, not just of social structure and economy but also of ourselves. If we want to see change in our lives, we have to change things ourselves.”

Until she was 98, Boggs wrote a weekly column in the *Michigan Citizen* that promoted civic reforms. In 2013, Boggs established the James and Grace Lee Boggs School, a community-based charter school with a curriculum focused on Detroit. Months after her 100th birthday in June 2015, Boggs died on October 5, 2015.



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 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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