



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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AUGUST 19, 2026

CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 30: Back-to-school Cookout, 5 – 8 pm (CLC)
Thu, Sep 4: Shalom Sisters Lunch, 11:30 am (CLC)
Sat, Oct 3: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp, 9 am – 4 pm
Sat, Oct 17: Work Day at Shalom, 9–12 am, Lunch provided
Sun, Dec 6: Fellowship Meal to celebrate Craig's return

ADMINISTRATION

Mike Wigginton (chair), Andrew Martin, Carl Rhine

COMMUNITY LIFE: RELATIONSHIPS AT SHALOM

Linda Showalter (Chair), Bethany Martin, Beverly Smith
Pastoral Representative:

Celebrations! (Wednesday – Wednesday)

Today, August 19: Sheila Abebe
Sat, August 22: Menan Assefa
Mon, August 24: Melissa Walsh
Wed, August 26: Craig Oury



RETREAT is coming up on **Saturday, October 3!** There is a sheet on the back sanctuary window for you to sign your name and number of people coming. This information is needed to know how to order food and arrange for childcare.

August 30, 5:00 - 8:00: Late Summer, Back to School Cookout. Bring a side dish and we will have meats and food to grill. Bring your lawn chairs and come at 4:30 to help set up and start the grills.



The next Shalom Sisters Lunch will be **Thursday, September 4th** at 11:30 am, meeting at Pho Saigon, a Vietnamese restaurant. It is located at 4760 W 38th St

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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



My Coins Count collection is underway (so bring your change with you on Sunday) and continuing until the Michiana Relief Sale (September 25-26).

Fall Quarter Sunday School classes start this Sunday!

Children's Classes:

Classroom assignments - Kids will stay in the same rooms they were before summer. Teachers and curriculum will adjust to the outlined age groups.

- Pre K - K: up the stairs from the mailboxes
- 1st - 3rd: middle room on the left heading to Fellowship Hall
- 4th - 6th: last room on the left heading to Fellowship Hall

Hall Monitors are helpful for the children's classes.

August 23: Linda Showalter

August 30:

September 6:

September 13:

September 20:

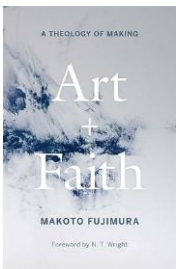
September 27:

Shine has provided some videos that outline the Shine Curriculum. Please watch if you want to know more about the Shine teaching approach:

https://shinecurriculum.com/resources/teachertraining/?utm_source=Shine&utm_campaign=2646b8c075-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_05_02_06_46_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_492456bd8a-586294385&mc_cid=2646b8c075&mc_eid=6d5faf2715

There will be 2 adult Sunday school classes this fall. A book study using Art and Faith: A Theology of Making by Makoto Fujimura will be facilitated by Andrew Martin.

The second class will use the Salt and Light series and will be facilitated by Wilma Bailey.



The books for the *Art and Faith* class had not arrived yet to be passed out on Sunday. For this coming Sunday, I have scanned the Foreword and first chapter of the book so those attending the class can do the reading before our first meeting. Please do not distribute the pdf, and delete downloaded copies after receiving your print copy. The class schedule can also be found at the following link together with some suggested additional 'extra credit' activities for each week.

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/FJ4GJ560K0#1ZJeyskl42fa>

Teacher needed:

I am looking for a teacher for the 1st-3rd grade class for 4 Sundays: September 13 - October 4. Please talk to Laura if you can help.

OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton
Pastoral Representative:

See the attached Newsletter from the Wigginton-Bravo Family.

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:

Shalom Mennonite Church seeks to be a community of grace, peace and joy; a space where people can come to experience God's healing and hope. Therefore, we as the people of Shalom are committed to maintaining a space of physical and emotional safety where people can come together to worship God and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Many children and youth attend Shalom and all adults are around them at least some of the time, even if they are not involved in the educational programs. Therefore, it is hoped that everyone will meet the requirements of the Church and Child Safety Policy. According to the policy, "All persons must complete an educational program approved by the Shalom Mennonite Church VAT annually." Last Sunday, we provided that annual training. But some folks were still traveling for the summer. Others were providing care for the children during the Sunday School hour. If you were not able to attend, you are asked to meet the requirement by doing the following:

1. Go to the Shalom website, click on "Member page," and on "Church Policies."
2. Follow the instructions under "Child Safety Training Instructions."
3. Check the "Child Supervisor Eligibility Records to see if you have a signed Memorandum of Understanding on file. If you do not, print it from the end of the policy (or ask Jeanne for one), sign it and give it to Phil to file.

Thank you for helping to make our worship space a safe place for everyone.

Jeanne Smucker

jmrsmucker@outlook.com

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday, 8/16, Shawn Lange brought the message. He preached from John 14:1-6, "The Gospel Message in a Foreign Land"

This Sunday, 8/23, Phil will bring the message based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Next Sunday, 8/30, Phil will bring the message based on John 4:19-26

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Kalamazoo Mennonite Fellowship is a home-based church in Kalamazoo, MI that is part of the IN-MI Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** Mennonite Missions Network is a an MCUSA agency that exists to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. They envision every congregation and all parts of the church being fully engaged in mission – across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world. Contact: Martha Yoder Maust
- **Pastor Craig** while on sabbatical.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Albrecht's address:

Copper Trace Senior Living
1250 West 146th Street
Rehabilitation Unit, Room #416
Westfield, IN 46074

Hoosiers Work Together for a Brighter Future:

Making Reliable, Affordable Power Part of Everyday Life in Indiana.

"We evaluated the economics of doing this solar project, but on the other hand, we just felt as a congregation that it was the right thing to do. There's a whole idea of creation care, just being good stewards of the earth." Mike Wigginton, Shalom Mennonite Church. Read more at <https://www.mcknight.org/news-ideas/hoosiers-work-together-for-a-brighter-future/?hilite=Wigginton>

Statewide Weekend of Witness to End ICE Detention at Miami Correctional August 28-30th

Indiana Organizing Project has a goal to hold 50 public witness events across the state of Indiana over this weekend. The Peace Church Coalition's goal is to organize 5! Would you like to organize a Public Witness with your church or meeting? Would you like to organize a Public Witness with friends? Would you like to offer support to a Public Witness that someone else organizes?

There are many creative ways to witness to the public

- ~ a prayer vigil after your worship service
- ~ a funeral service for the 3 detainees who have died
- ~ a Choir performance
- ~ a Service of Lament
- ~ a Sign-holding Event

We can support you with program materials: music, litanies, prayers, stories...etc.

We can support you with people power if you need a musician, speaker, PA...etc.

Contact Rhonda Baker to sign up (we are keeping track) and for more information

rhondabake@aol.com 317.408.6941

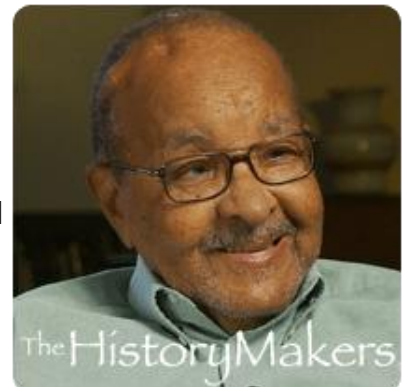


Thank you for your incredibly generous and rapid response to my letter requesting love gifts for Stan's family. We raised \$3750.00! This will more than cover their rent and school fees for the next six months. Your kindness and warm welcome to Stan have been a beautiful demonstration of God's love flowing through Shalom. With gratitude, Sabrina

PERSON OF COLOR BIO

Environmental scientist and Biochemist **Emmett W. Chappelle** was born on October 24, 1925, in Phoenix, Arizona to Viola White Chappelle and Isom Chappelle. His family grew cotton and tended cows on a small farm at the edge of town.

Chappelle was drafted into the U.S. Army, right after graduating from the Phoenix Union Colored High School in 1942. He was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program, where he was able to take



some engineering courses. Chappelle was later reassigned to the all-Black 92nd Infantry Division and served in Italy. After returning to the U.S., Chappelle went on to earn his A.A. degree from Phoenix College. With the help provided by the GI Bill of Rights, Chappelle was able to receive his B.S. degree in biology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950.

Chappelle went on to serve as an instructor at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee from 1950 to 1953, where he was also able to conduct his own research. Chappelle's work was noticed by the scientific community, and he accepted an offer to study at the University of Washington, where he received his M.S. degree in biology in 1954. Chappelle continued his graduate studies at Stanford University, though he did not complete a Ph.D. degree.

In 1958 Chappelle joined the Research Institute for Advanced Studies in Baltimore, where his research aided in the creation of a safe oxygen supply for astronauts. He went on to work for Hazelton Laboratories in 1963. In 1966, Chappelle joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a part of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Chappelle's research has focused in the area of luminescence, which is light without heat. He has been involved in a number of projects, including the Viking space craft. Chappelle used chemicals from fireflies as well as adenosine triphosphate (ATP) to develop a method of detecting life on Mars. He used this research in bioluminescence, light produced by living organisms, to detect bacteria in water, as well as in improving environmental management.

Chappelle retired from NASA in 2001. He received fourteen U.S. patents, produced more than thirty-five peer-reviewed scientific or technical publications, nearly fifty conference papers, and co-authored or edited numerous publications. Chappelle has been honored as one of the top 100 African American scientist and engineers of the 20th century. He received an Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal from NASA for his work. Chappelle was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2007. Chappelle passed away on October 14, 2019.

<https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/emmett-chappelle>



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 Usage**: 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](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.

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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