



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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MARCH 19, 2025

CALENDAR

Mon, March 24: *BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Sun, March 30: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, 4 pm

Sat, April 5: Fellowship hall reserved: Troyer's, 2 – 8:30 pm

Mon, April 7: *BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers

Mon, April 14: *BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN

Mon, April 21: *BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN

Mon, April 28: *BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Sat, May 10: Arlington Woods Spring Clean up, 8am.

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!

Sat, March 22: Kara Hochstetler

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Wed, March 26: Kim & Krystal Johnson, 2005

DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Children's Classes

Hall Monitor:

March 23: Joann Buerge

March 30: Joann Buerge

April 6:

April 13:

April 20: Easter; no Sunday School

April 27:

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:

Mar 23: Salt & Light: Session #1 (page 2) Col 1:15-23; Confession of Faith Articles #2 & #8;
Shalom Orientation Class

Mar 30: Salt & Light: Session #2 (page 8) Matt 22:34-40
Shalom Orientation Class

Apr 6: Salt & Light: Session #3 ((page 14) Luke 1:26-38; Confession of Faith, articles #3 & #18
- Shalom Orientation Class

Apr 13: Salt & Light: Session #4 (page 20) John 1:1-18; Confession of Faith, article #4
- Shalom Orientation Class

Apr 20: Easter - **No Sunday School**

Apr 27: Salt & Light: Session #5 (page 26) Luke 2:25-35; Confession of Faith, article 8
- Shalom Orientation Class

Mennonite Confession of Faith articles:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith/>

May 4: Technology & Our Discipleship led by Andrew Martin

May 11: Technology & Our Discipleship led by Andrew Martin

May 18: Antiracism Sunday

May 25: **No Sunday school**

June 1: Child Safety Training

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

This Sunday (3/23) Brian will continue our study of the Farewell Discourse by looking at Jesus' invitation to abide in him and bear fruit from John 15:1-25.

Next Sunday (3/30) Jesus returns to the topic of the Holy Spirit in John 15:26-16:33, and Brian will preach about the possibility of continuing revelation that this teaching presents.

This week's Prayer List;

Church: Hudson Lake Mennonite Church is a small Mennonite Church in New Carlisle, Indiana that is a part of Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.

Organization: *Mennonite Disaster Service* is an organization that strives to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those affected by disasters by rebuilding homes and organizing and empowering volunteers in the U.S. and Canada. (Contact: Jim Showalter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who know Mel Swartzentruber, a card shower is being planned for his 95th birthday on April 2. His address is 1200 E. Patridge, Apt. 27, Metamora, IL 61548.

In our time here in east Texas, we learned about the horrific crime of racial hate against James Byrd, Jr. that took place in 1998 in the nearby small town of Jasper. When we visited the old jail, one of the guides told us his wife sat on the jury for the perpetrators, so this not ancient history. There is a documentary as well, but I understand it is quite graphic. <http://www.texasmonthly.com/articles/jasper/> Jim and Linda



WOMAN OF COLOR BIO



Few Americans helped to change the face of nursing in the 20th-century more than **Estelle Massey Osborne**. A nurse administrator, educator, and leader at a time when racial lines prevented most African American women from holding top positions in their fields, she reached some of the highest ranks as she worked tirelessly to open up nursing to women of color.

In a relatively short span of time, from 1934, when she became the 11th president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, to 1966, when she left her executive post at the National League for Nursing to retire, she made heroic steps toward eliminating racial barriers and prejudice at the heart of our healthcare system.

Osborne, who was known as “Stelle” to her family, was born in 1901, the 8th of 11 children, in the small town of Palestine, Texas. After two years of college, she entered nursing school in St. Louis, where she developed a passion for bedside care, particularly obstetrics. At that time, only 14 of the nation’s 1,300 schools for nursing were open to Black applicants. The American Nursing Association did not accept Black nurses as members, and the US Navy categorically refused to enlist them.

Yet for Osborne racial barriers were only meant to be overcome. She received the first scholarship awarded to a Black nurse by the Julius Rosenwald Fund in 1928. She was accepted to Columbia University, where she became the first Black nurse to receive a Master’s Degree in 1931. All the while, she was teaching at two local nursing schools, including as the first African American instructor at the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing.

Osborne defied a system built on racism to help provide quality healthcare for Black Americans. After she graduated, she went to work for the Rosenwald Fund as a researcher, studying rural life in the deep South and investigating ways to bring better health education and service to rural Black communities.

Her nephew Jack McGruder saw her impeccable leadership skills up close. When he was 11, he and his family moved from Texas to New York City to live with Osborne in a large apartment building she had purchased on West 148th Street. He said of his remarkable aunt: “Stelle was always doing something for somebody, yet she never seemed to be tired or irritable... She belonged to every worthwhile organization in the world . . . She was also the most courteous person that I ever met . . . Her manners were always perfect, even when she was not pleased, and she was fearless.”



In 1934, she took on the presidency of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, which was headquartered in New York City. There, she forged strategic relations with White-exclusive nursing institutions like the American Nurses Association (ANA) and intensely lobbied them to accept Black nurses, particularly those in the South, who were prevented from joining the ANA due to racist membership policies at the state level. She also fostered programs to develop post-nursing school opportunities for nurses of color. When she left the post in 1939, she had increased the association’s membership more than five-fold, from 175 to 947.

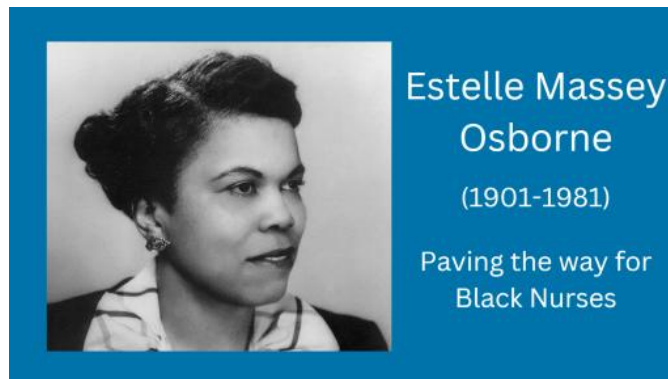
In 1940, Osborne became the first Black superintendent of nurses at the storied Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, the largest exclusively Black, city-operated general hospital in the

world, which served over 70,000 people. She was also the first Black woman director of its nursing school.

With the country at war, Osborne was hired in 1943 as a consultant to the Coordinating Committee on Negro Nursing for the National Council for War Service. Nurses could not be trained fast enough. Osborne helped to ensure that Black nurses benefited from the \$160 million the bill provided for nursing education and financial aid. Her work also significantly expanded the number of nursing schools that accepted Black students.

After the war, Osborne returned to nursing education. In 1946, she became the first Black faculty member at what is now NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

Over the next 20 years, Osborne served mainly in national leadership roles. In 1959 the NYU Department of Nursing named Osborne the “Nurse of the Year.” In 1984, three years after she died, Osborne was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame, in recognition of her outstanding achievements. Both NYU Meyers and the Nurses Educational Fund have created and named scholarships in her honor.



Edited from <https://nursing.nyu.edu/news/celebrating-estelle-massey-osborne-nurse-trailblazer>



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 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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