



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church

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MAY 13, 2026

CALENDAR

Sun, May 17: 3rd Sunday Carry-In after Sunday School (see CLC)
Wed, May 20: Wild Church @ Eagle Creek Park, 10 am (see CLC)
Thu, Jun 4: Shalom Sisters Lunch, 11:30 am
Sat, Jun 20: Peace Church Coalition training at Shalom, 10a-2:30p (see Outreach)
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)

Mon, May 18: Angie & Joel Buller, 1991
Mon, May 18: CoraLyn & OlaJowon Turentine, 2009
Tue, May 19: Rachel Maust & Rolando Urquizo Zarate, 2012
Tue, May 19: Greg Koop
Wed, May 20: David Falls

Our 3rd Sunday Carry-In in May will be on this **Sunday, May 17th** after Sunday School. That week is Herb and Joyce Troyer's 50th wedding Anniversary and we will celebrate with them during our carry-in with cake, watermelon and cookies. The rest of us will focus on salads, breads or main dishes.



There will be Wild Church next week on **Wednesday, May 20**, at 10 a.m. in Eagle Creek Park. Park in the parking lot for the Ornithology Center. There is a fee to enter Eagle Creek. If you do not have a pass and do not want to pay the fee, park in the parking lot opposite the 56th Street entrance (next to the Colts Training Center, on the south side, at the light) for a ride in. Bring a chair if you have one. We will be reflecting on birds in the Bible and Indiana. Do you have a good bird story?



Watch for plans for Guess Who's Coming To Dinner on **Sunday, June 7!**

Do you have some things you would like to get rid of? Would you be interested in participating in a Garage Sale in the church basement sometime this spring/summer? We are exploring the interest level, also whether there would be enough volunteers to help. (No clothes, no adult books would be accepted!) All proceeds would go to Indiana There is a sign-up sheet on the back windows of the sanctuary. ~ Linda



DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Attached is some additional reading from Arden Shank for those who would like to deepen your own understanding. He has also sent links to some videos and a link to information on urban renewal in Indianapolis. Arden will speak with us this coming Sunday. ~ Martha

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

Phil Schmidt, now has a direct email address: phil@shalommennonite.com
Phil also has a bio that is now on the church website (on the menu under: About\Pastors).

WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

Last Sunday (5/10) Craig brought the message from Psalm 16.
This Sunday (5/17) Craig will bring the message from 1 Timothy 4.
Next Sunday (5/24) Peter Wigginton will bring the message.

This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** *Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship* is a church in Elkhart that meets in the Belmont Mennonite Church building in the evenings and is independently part of Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** *Mennonite Missions Network* is an MCUSA mission 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 missions – across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world. Contact: Martha

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current issue of Gospel Evangel, the quarterly newsletter from IMMC, can be viewed [here](#).



May 16th is a state-wide Day of Action to *End Ice Detention at Miami Correctional Facility*. More information can be found at

<https://www.indivisiblecentralindiana.org/event-details/end-ice-detention-statewide-day-of-action>

The Peace Church Coalition is holding an action at **Broad Ripple Art Center**, 12:00-1:00. The event will include **Music by Peaceful Voices** weaved within Messages of Hope, Prayers, and Stories from our immigrant neighbors Meet @ 11:45 in the parking lot near the Monon Trail <https://indyartcenter.org/>

If you are interested in joining, please email

rhondabake@aol.com. If you are interested in joining the singing group, contact Rhonda at rhondabake@aol.com. Rehearsals for this event will be at Northview Church of the Brethren 5555 East 46th Street, **May 10th** 12:30-2:00 and **May 14** 6:00-7:30.

*** this will include a sign-making time.** (if you can't make it to rehearsal but want to sing, contact Rhonda Baker at rhondabake@aol.com). We will sing protest songs, hymns, and singing resistance songs. Here is a link to google doc with song lyrics, music, and recordings:

[Peaceful Voices - Google Drive](#)



Mennonite Action Hiring Executive Director

Mennonite Action co-founders Nick Martin and Adam Ramer are transitioning out of the organization. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, Mennonite Action grew from an idea to a movement organization with 5 staff and dozens of chapters across the United States. Nick and Adam feel that now is a good time to pass the mantle on to new staff leadership.

To keep this movement growing into the future, Mennonite Action has decided to hire an Executive Director. Please help us find great candidates by passing on the application to your networks. To view the application or to apply, you can visit

mennoniteaction.org/executivedirector

~ Sabrina

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.

Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, Suffragist
(1896 – 1966)



Dr. Mabel Ping-Hua Lee was a committed champion of women's rights, particularly the right to vote. When Lee was a child, her family came to the United States from China to perform missionary work.

By the time she was just 16 years old, Lee was involved in the New York City [suffragist](#) campaign to give women the vote. She helped lead a parade on horseback through the streets of Greenwich Village in 1912 and gave speeches at both women's and Chinese groups while she obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees at Barnard College. In her most famous speech, "[The Submerged Half](#)," she described women as

a suppressed pool of talent and drive that neither China nor the United States could succeed without.

Lee was an outspoken leader despite knowing that her status as a Chinese immigrant would prevent her from voting even if American women won the right to vote. Women won the right to vote in 1917 in New York and in 1920 across the country, but the Chinese Exclusion Act prevented women from China from voting until it was repealed in 1943. It is unknown if Lee ever gained her citizenship or was able to vote.

Lee became the first Chinese woman to earn a doctorate in economics in the United States when she earned her PhD from Columbia University in 1921. Lee went on to create the Chinese Christian Center, a community center that offered English lessons, a health clinic and a kindergarten. The center is still in operation today.

<https://www.ilctr.org/resource-hub/famous-asian-pacific-islander-immigrants/>



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](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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