



## ***JOURNEYING TOGETHER***

### ***A weekly email newsletter of Shalom Mennonite Church***

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**JUNE 17, 2026**

#### **CALENDAR**

Sat, Jun 20: Peace Church Coalition training at Shalom, 10a-2:30p (Outreach)

Sun, Jun 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal (CLC)

Mon, Jun 22: Arlington Woods Neighborhood Association meeting, 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Thu, Jul 2: Shalom Sisters Lunch, 11:30 am

Wed, July 15: Wild Church, 10 am

Sat, Jul 11: Garage Sale, 9 am – 4 pm (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, June 17: Bethany & Josh Martin, 2006

Thu, June 18: Jeanne Schmucker & Brad Yoder, 2016

Sat, June 20: Carol & Sam Bixler 1981

Mon, June 19: Jacob Martin

Wed, June 24: Leo Maust



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal: June is a "No Oven" month in the kitchen, so let's focus on salads. If you make a hot dish make it in a crock pot (note, we have a couple big crockpots you can borrow in the kitchen). Please bring dishes ready to set out labeled and instructions if needed. (That day is also Father's Day) ~Becky

There will be a garage sale in the church basement on **Saturday, July 11 from 9 am – 4 pm. If enough volunteers sign up.** Check out the back window of the sanctuary for ways to help. All proceeds will go to Indiana AID.



Since there is nothing on the calendar that shows the basement is being used the week of July 5, you can start bringing your items in and leave them in the basement any time between Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. ~ Linda

## DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

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

**Adult Ed:** Attached is a document from Arden Shank. It lists books for further reading, as usual. It also contains a discussion of land acknowledgement statements that I recommend you read before Sunday. ~ Martha

The summer schedule for Sunday school is planned as follows:

June 21 – Antiracism Sunday – Adults meet in the fellowship hall

Children meet in the classrooms

June 28 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Laura

I invite everyone to bring any extra tissue paper you may have around your house to use in our mural-making.

July 5 – No Sunday school

July 12 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Cheryl

July 19 – Antiracism Sunday – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Barbara

July 26 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Cheryl

August 2 – Intergenerational meeting in the fellowship hall with Melissa and Rod

August 9 – Adults meet in the auditorium with Jeanne for Child safety

Young children will meet with Abri and older children will fill school kits with Carol

August 16 – Adults to be determined

Young children will meet with Abri and older children will fill school kits with Carol

## OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM

(chair), Becky Wigginton  
Pastoral Representative:



We are collecting items for the Morning Star Food Pantry.

Frank Kandel for the Outreach Commission, 308-532-2859

**Relational Organizing: How to Build Your Public Action:** A collaboration of the Peace Church Coalition, The Indiana organizing project and Indivisible Central Indiana

**June 20th: 10-2pm (lunch provided) at Shalom Mennonite Church**

We often receive questions about how to involve more volunteers and how to increase volunteers' commitment to whatever campaign or organization is the focus of the moment. This training seeks to address these questions.

The training will focus on the community organizing basics of sharing one's personal story, "one-to-ones" (also known as relational organizing meetings), and articulating a plan of action or a plan to win.

While this training will use the "End ICE Detention at Miami Correctional" statewide campaign as a vehicle for applying the skills that we're learning, attendees are encouraged to use the skills they're learning however they see fit.

Please register at the link below so we know how many people to expect.  
[Relational Organizing: How to Build Your Public Action · Indivisible Central Indiana](#)

### **All Out for Salah**

**DATE: 6/14/26 12:30pm-2pm ET (11:30am-1pm CT)**

**LOCATION: Clay County Jail, [611 East Jackson Street, Brazil, IN 47834](#)**

On Sunday, June 14, Jews and allies from across the Midwest will gather outside Clay County Jail in Brazil, Indiana, where ICE has caged Salah Sarsour for nearly two months. Salah is a beloved community leader, father, Palestinian activist, and a 32-year permanent resident of Wisconsin. The Trump administration has targeted Salah for advocating for Palestine. As people of faith, we must denounce the use of antisemitism as a smokescreen to detain our neighbors and crush our civil liberties. We will not abide state terror done in our name against Salah and other Palestinians, reminiscent of the state terror faced by many of our ancestors. Together we speak out to protect free speech and end ICE terror! Join us for a vigil with Salah's family, clergy, community leaders, and elected officials. All are welcome!

**Fill out this form if you plan to attend the vigil, so we can get a preliminary headcount and identify needs for transportation and accommodations.**

#### **Important Agreements for Participants:**

**Salah Sarsour's legal case is active!** We want our action to uplift it, not undermine it. With this in mind, we want to keep our messaging disciplined:

Free Salah Sarsour! No ICE Terror! Protect Palestinian Speech! Protect Free Speech!

**We will provide banners, signs, and t-shirts for participants.**

**Please wear white to show unity and to increase the action's visual impact.**

**A note about security:** None of this info will be shared outside of the coordination happening via Signal and virtual meetings. All names and contact info will be kept private and only used to reach you as needed by the logistics team. After the vigil planning is complete, all personal data will be deleted.

**All Out for Salah Registration Form:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPiWxpvKQI-b-35ef47TKfif-nX4Mr9G94SSvbK7vGvJrHsq/viewform>



**School Kits for MCC:** Although summer is just starting, we'll soon be ready to begin gathering items for MCC school kits so our kids can put them together on August 9 and 16.

Please provide the following items:

#### **Contents (NEW items only)**

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks
  - 8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each (US)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all-metal** pencil sharpener (one or two holes)\*\*We request you only include small metal-cased pencil sharpeners like the ones pictured.



All-metal sharpeners can be found online at sites like Amazon or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because they are lower quality and do not last as long. If you cannot find all-metal sharpeners, please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

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, 6/14**, Rebecca Stoltzfus, president of Goshen College, brought the message from Luke 15:4-7, "The Lost Sheep".

**This Sunday, 6/21**, we will view the sermon recorded by Conference Minister Sharon Yoder that she preached for each of the congregations in the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

**Next Sunday, 6/28**, Craig will bring the message.

#### This week's Prayer List

- **Church:** Emmanuel Living Christian Church is one of two Chin Burmese churches here in Indianapolis. It is part of the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.
- **Organization:** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is the MCUSA'S affiliated seminary in North America whose work in Anabaptist theological education is rooted in the saving power of the life, death, resurrection and ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. Contact: Wilma Bailey

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

To those who participated in the Zionism Sunday school class, or others who may be interested, Malkah Bird from Jewish Voice for Peace who spoke with us the last Sunday, has sent some additional information to follow up on her presentation:

- 1) [JVP Indiana Donation Link](#)
- 2) [Indiana Break the Bonds Campaign](#)
- 3) [Israel Bonds Divestment Petition](#)



June is *Caribbean American Heritage Month*. Most Caribbean immigrants are from five countries: Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago.



June is also *National Immigrant Heritage Month*. Established in 2014, the month is dedicated to celebrating the rich and diverse cultures, resilience, and countless economic and social contributions that immigrants bring to communities across the United States.



And, it is also *African American Music Appreciation Month*, known as *Black Music Month*.

## PERSON OF COLOR BIO

Juneteenth (June 19) is the one of the oldest known commemorations related to the abolition of slavery in the United States. **Juneteenth National Independence Day** was signed into law as a national holiday on June 17, 2021. The word “Juneteenth” is a Black English contraction, or portmanteau, of the month “June” and the date “Nineteenth.” Juneteenth celebrates the date of June 19, 1865, when enslaved people of African descent located in Galveston, Texas, finally learned of their freedom from the slavery system in the United States.

Freedom was granted through the Emancipation Proclamation signed on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. Texas was the farthest of the Confederate states, and slave-holders there made no attempt to free the enslaved African Americans they held in bondage. This meant that President Lincoln’s proclamation was unenforceable without military intervention, which eventually came nearly 2.5 years later.

From 1865 forward, the day has held special meaning for people of African descent in the United States. Juneteenth continues to be celebrated in cities with Black populations through a series of parades, family reunions, speeches, and consuming of specific foods with a red color including barbeque, watermelon (an African fruit), and “red soda water” (primarily strawberry soda). The use of the color red in ceremonies is a practice that enslaved West Africans brought to the United States. Contemporary food items that maintain this cultural connection include kola nut tea and hibiscus tea, also known as bissap in the Caribbean or jamaica (ha-MY-kah) in Latin America; large numbers of kidnapped and enslaved West Africans were sent to both areas.. Strawberry soda is the contemporary replacement of these teas in US Juneteenth celebrations. Juneteenth is an important date on the timeline of slavery history in the United States.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/juneteenth.htm>



Have something to give away? Need something? Skills needed or to share? Tools needed or to share?

We have a gas grill and a rototiller we are no longer using. They are free to the first person(s) who want to come get them. One or both. Call Cheryl at 913-375-6264 or Jim at 913-375-6270 to arrange pick up.

## ROUTINE INFORMATION

Send email to [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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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