



## *JOURNEYING TOGETHER*

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

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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

### **CALENDAR**

Sun, September 21: Carry-in Fellowship Meal following Sunday School  
Mon, September 29: \*BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN  
Thu, October 2: Shalom Sisters Lunch (see Community Life)  
Sat, October 4: Shalom Retreat (see Community Life)  
Sun, October 5: CROP Walk (see Announcement)  
Mon, October 6 \*BRO @ Eastside Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN  
Mon, October 13\* BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN  
Mon, October 20 \*BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave, Indianapolis, IN  
Mon, October 27 \*BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers  
Sat, November 15: Shalom will be hosting "A Nature Walk Down a Peace Path"  
as part of The Spirit & Place Festival. More info to come.  
Sun, December 14: Congregational Budget Meeting, 12 pm  
Sat, October 3, 2026: Annual Retreat @ Jameson Camp  
\*BRO: Brian's Roving Office, 9am - 3pm

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Mike Wigginton (chair), Andrew Martin, Dan Rosenberger  
Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

### **COMMUNITY LIFE: RELATIONSHIPS AT SHALOM**

Linda Showalter (Chair), Bethany Martin, Beverly Smith

## Celebrations!

Wed, September 17: Carol Stocksdale

Thu, September 18: Luke Bither

Thu, September 18: Karina Cisco

Thu, September 18: Robert Coleman

Sat, September 20: Layla Bither

Sun, September 21: Joel Buller

Tue, September 23: Anita & Dale Brubaker, 1967

Wed, September 24: Tania Goodloe & Ernie Hodel, 2014

## DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Cheryl Martin (chair), Wilma Bailey, Matt Bauman

Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

## Children's Education

A substitute is needed for Sept 28 for the K-1 class (Beverly's class). Please reach out by this Sunday, Sept 21 so the teaching guide can be provided.

We will be looking for lead co-teachers for the older elementary class next quarter. If you want to try it out, you can shadow Frank or be a substitute during the fall quarter.

Substitute teachers may be needed for any of the four classes. Please consider adding your name to the list to fill in on occasion.

2-4s class	Early Elementary	Older Elementary	Youth
Leads: Abri and Carol W	Lead: Beverly Smith	Leads: Frank Kandel; <b>need Co-Teacher to split coverage</b>	Leads: Jeanne and Brad
Asst: Rose; <b>could have 1 more to share coverage</b>	No assistant needed	<b>Need Asst or 2 if alternating Sundays:</b>	Asst: Julie can assist as needed
7 kids: Zema, Abigail, Matthias, Vivienne, Allison, Nathan, Callie	6 kids: Yeshi, Luke, Elise, Kara, Junia, Lena	10 kids: Layla, Aubrey, Leo, Calvin, Eva, Lexie, Roslyn, Liam, Sydney, Karina	4 youth: Karina, Jacob, Phoenix, Caleb

## Adult Sunday School Classes:

1. Bible Study meets in the back of the sanctuary, with Zoom. Facilitated by Wilma Bailey
2. Healthy Spiritual and Mental Health Practices meets in the fellowship hall. Led by Herb Troyer.

## September 21:

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

## September 28:

1. Lesson #7 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 6:1-8, p 38.

2. Positive Actions: Acting out of Love to Self and Others, pp 77-81 pp 48-49. Tools of Moving Forward: Finding a New Ability to Love

**October 5:**

1. Lesson #8 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-21, p 44.
2. Claim Responsibility: Finding new ways to Walk with Love, pp 83-95 pp 50-51

**October 12:**

1. Lesson #9 - 1 Corinthians 8:4-13, 10:23-11:1, p 50.
2. Let Go: Just Act in Love, pp 97 -101 pp 52-53

**October 19:**

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

**October 26:**

1. Lesson #10 - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, p 56.
2. For-Give: Giving to others, pp 103- 107 pp 54-55. Tools of Creation Kingdom of God, Now

**November 2:**

1. Lesson #11 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, p 62.
2. What If: In Christ we put on the New, pp 119 – 123 pp 56-57

**November 9:**

1. Lesson #12 - 1 Corinthians 12-14, p 68.
2. Reality Check: Allowing ourselves to Fail, pp 125 – 129 pp 58 – 59

**November 16:**

- Antiracism Sunday led by Martha Yoder Maust and Barbara Abebe

**November 23:**

1. Lesson #13 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, p 74.
2. Ultimate Freedom: Acting out of Love, pp 131 – 137 pp 60-61

**November 30: (Thanksgiving Weekend)**

1. Lesson #14 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-58, p 80.
2. Wrap up.

**OUTREACH: RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND SHALOM**

(chair), Becky Wigginton  
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

Attached is an update about the work of Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo Aguilar in Ecuador. This summer they have been traveling from church to church to meet with supporters. Global inflation has meant that we need to raise more support to keep their ministry afloat. Please read the update and prayerfully consider whether you are able to support this ministry, or to increase your support.

Go to <https://www.mennonitemission.net/video/help-support-ministries-of-peacemaking-and-anabaptist-education-in-ecuador/> to learn more.

Ministry Support Team: Martha Yoder Maust, Chair, Jeanne Smucker, Randy Stoesz, Francesca Plett, Diane Mueller

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM**

Jim Showalter, Angie Buller  
VAT Representative: Andrew Martin; Pastoral Representative: Craig Oury

Please continue to pray for the discernment process for the chair and member of the Outreach Commission.

**VISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM (VAT)**

Nizeet Deiter (Chair), Andrew Martin (Vice-Ch) Sam Bixler, Charity Bauman, Abri Hochstetler  
Pastoral Representatives: Brian Bither, Craig Oury

## WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

**Last Sunday (9/14)** Jeanne brought the message from 1 Timothy 1:12-17.

**This Sunday (9/21)** David Boshart, President of AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary), will bring the message from Ephesians 2:11-22 titled "A Gathering God".

**Next week (9/28)** Craig will begin a 3-4 sermon series on Sabbath.

### This week's Prayer List:

**Church: Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship** is a church in Elkhart, Indiana that meets in the Belmont Church building in the evenings and is independently part of Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference. Pastor: Kevin Yoder

"We are being blessed in our study of Acts reflecting on how we look beyond our own church family. Pray for wisdom as we explore ways to be spiritually and financially sustainable in the coming years."

**Organization: Peter and Delicia Bravo Wigginton**, missionaries from our congregation who work with the Mennonite churches in Ecuador. (Contacts: Jeanne Smucker and Martha Yoder Maust)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian is going to do one last round of Roving Office in September and October. Feel free to visit him on any of the dates listed in the calendar or reach out if you want to connect with him at a different time.



Only 1 week left to collect cash for Mennonite Central Committee in our "My Coins Count" jug. The donations will be taken to the Michiana Relief Sale on September 26.

### 2025 Annual Retreat

**Join us on Saturday, October 4, as we learn about the rich and beautiful history along Indiana Avenue!**

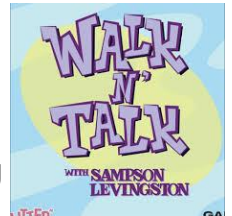
We will be guided on a 1-hour walking tour of Indiana Avenue with Sampson Levingston (through2eyes [link](#)) on a Walk & Talk that starts and ends at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library at 543 Indiana Ave. Free parking is available. Dress according to the weather. (Learn more about Sampson [here](#).)

Meet at 543 Indiana Avenue by 9:45 am. If you prefer to carpool, make arrangements with others.

Beverly and Joann do not plan to participate in the walk but will be at the church at 10 am with coffee, tea and donuts all morning - feel free to join them.

Lunch will be catered by His Place, a nearby black-owned small business. After lunch, a short devotional, and then free time. Bring indoor and outdoor games!

A sign-up is posted on the sanctuary window. We'll need to know how many to expect for the Walk and the meal.



This time of year is a good time to look at our Small Groups, of which there are currently five, meeting at various times, some in person, some via Zoom. Questions for those in small groups have been sent to the group contact person.

For those not currently in a group: Do you have interest in being part of a small group?



What would you like to see as content? Time of meeting? In person or Zoom? Or, would you be willing to organize / lead a group

Please feel free to contact a member of the Community Life Commission with further questions or comments. We would be happy to do what we can to make your small group experience meaningful.



Change in plans: next Shalom Sisters Lunch will be at Driving Wind Farm located at 6410 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis on **Thursday, October 2.**

We will meet at Machu Picchu Peruvian Restaurant located at 5356 W. 38th Street on November 6. All women are welcome.

The sexual abuse of hundreds of girls and young women by Jeffery Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell is one of the most tragic episodes in recent US history. Much of the US population and many members of Congress want all of the evidence about this released to the public. Representative Victoria Spartz (IN-5th) has so far refused to support this release. If Spartz is your representative, and you agree, I would encourage you to send Representative Spartz an email (Goggle Representative Victoria Spartz, and use her contact information form), using some or all of the points in the attached letter. Thank you. ~ Brad

## PERSON OF COLOR BIO SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15 IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

*Hispanic Heritage Month does not cover one single month but instead begins in the middle of September and ends in the middle of October. The timeframe of this is significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates, beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. By aligning with these independence dates, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the resilience of the Hispanic community. Other independence dates are September 16 for Mexico, the 18<sup>th</sup> for Chile, and 21<sup>st</sup> for Belize.*

*Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker*



Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker is one of the greatest athletes and humanitarians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Born August 18, 1934, in Barrio San Anton, Puerto Rico to laundress Luisa Walker and sugarcane laborer Melchor Clemente, Roberto represents the strength, perseverance, and honor of the Puerto Rican people.

Roberto began his baseball career with the Puerto Rican Professional Baseball League at only 17-years-old. After Dodgers scout Al Campanis witnessed Clemente's outstanding performance, the Dodgers extended Roberto his first offer in 1954. Though he later received an offer twice as valuable from the Braves, he followed his parents' advice and honored his commitment to the Dodgers.



Clemente was involved in charity work in Latin American and Caribbean countries during the off-seasons. He often delivered baseball equipment and food to those in need.

On December 31, 1972, thirty-eight-year-old Roberto boarded a DC-7 aircraft loaded with relief supplies for survivors of a catastrophic earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua. Concerned over reports that the Nicaraguan dictatorship was misusing shipments of aid, Clemente, a native of nearby Puerto Rico, hoped his involvement would persuade the government to distribute relief packages to the more than 300,000 people affected by the disaster. Shortly after takeoff, the overloaded aircraft plunged into the Atlantic Ocean, just one mile from the Puerto Rican coast. Roberto Clemente's body was never recovered.

Clemente was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1973 in a special election that waived the mandatory five-year waiting period, becoming both the first Caribbean and the first Latin-American player to be enshrined. "Baseball survives," wrote columnist Jimmy Cannon of the *New York Journal-American*, "because guys like Clemente still play it."

<https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/clemente-roberto>

<https://www.robertoclemente.com/story/>

<https://www.cmgworldwide.com/clients/roberto-clemente/>

Clemente celebrated his wedding day with bride, Vera Zabala, on Nov. 14, 1964. They were married at San Fernando Church in Carolina, Puerto Rico. They came from the same hometown of Carolina, PR. Vera died on Nov. 16, 2019, at age 78.



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

### 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](mailto: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](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.

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**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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [bixlersc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com) or [craig@shalommennonite.com](mailto:craig@shalommennonite.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 Craig at [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto: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](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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