



## *JOURNEYING TOGETHER*

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

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**OCTOBER 2, 2024**

#### CALENDAR

Sun, October 6: CROP Walk (see announcement)  
Mon, October 7: \*BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis, IN  
Sat, October 12: Retreat @ Jameson Camp  
Mon, October 14: \*BRO @ Eastside Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN  
Wed, October 16: Wild Church  
Sun, October 20: Carry-In Meal after Sunday School  
Mon, October 28: \*BRO @ Greenwood Panera, 789 US Highway 31 N, Greenwood, IN  
Mon, November 4: \*BRO @ Downtown Starbucks, 430 N Mass Ave  
Mon, November 11: \*BRO @ Fishers Panera, 8510 E 96 St, Unit A, Fishers  
Mon, November 18: \*BRO @ Northwest Panera, 6050 W 86th St  
Mon, November 25: \*BRO @ Eastside Starbucks, 9605 E Washington St.  
Thu, November 28: Thanksgiving Meal @ Shalom  
Sat, December 14: Christmas Banquet  
Sun, December 15: No Carry-In Meal  
\*BRO = Brian's Roving Office, 9a – 3p

#### 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!

Wed, Oct 2: Junia Martin

Sat, Oct 5: David & Sabrina Falls, 1980

### Shalom Family



### Annual Retreat! “Shalom’s Family Tree”

- Only 1 ½ weeks left to our annual retreat. We hope family stories are being readied to be shared, and maps are being marked!
- Get your stories ready! Trace your family’s immigration history. Only 2 ½ weeks to go!
- Donuts and coffee/tea will be available at 9 am. You are encouraged to bring snacks for everyone to munch on throughout the day. The noon meal will (probably) be from Olive Garden, with a non-tomato/vegetarian option, salad and breadsticks.
  - Be thinking about family stories to share. These can be stories handed down for generations, or they can be from your own memories.
  - A sign-up sheet is on the back window so that the noon meal can be planned for. There is also a place to indicate your willingness to help with clean-up.
- Pick up a world map from the back of the sanctuary and note where your family came from. Sign and bring it to the retreat. (Search for your family at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org).)

### DISCIPLING: GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Carol Bixler (chair), Wilma Bailey, Carol Bither

Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

### Children's Sunday School

#### Hall Monitor

6-Oct	Linda S	3-Nov	Joann
13-Oct	Rose	10-Nov	Linda S
20-Oct	Joann	17-Nov	Linda S
27-Oct	Joann	24-Nov	Linda S

#### Teachers:

- 2-yr old class - Abri and Carol W will co-teach
- Pre-K and K - Beverly will teach with Joyce as a substitute
- Elementary - Frank and Rod will co-teach
- Youth - Jeanne and Brad will teach

### Adult Sunday School Classes:

Sermon on the Mount class, meets in the sanctuary, facilitated by Craig

- October 6: Retaliation and Loving Enemies, 5:38-48
- October 13: Giving, praying, and fasting humbly, 6:1-18
- October 27: Treasures and masters/Do not worry 6:18-34
- November 3: Do not judge and Asking God 7:1-12
- November 10: Fruit of our Actions 7:13-23
- November 24: Hearers and Doers 7:24-29 and SOM conclusions

*He Came Preaching Peace*, in the basement classroom. Facilitated by Wilma.

- Oct. 6 Please read chapter 5.
- Oct. 13 Please read chapter 6.
- Oct. 27 Please read chapters 7 and 8.
- Nov. 3 Please read chapters 9 and 10.
- Nov.10 Please read chapter 11.
- Nov. 24 Please read chapter 12

## 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

In the spring of 2022, when we had outside consultants do an anti-racism audit of our congregation, one of their recommendations was that we have an anti-racial harassment policy, similar to our anti-sexual harassment policy. The Dismantling Racism Steering Committee reviewed some materials recommended by the consultants and drafted a statement. The statement was reviewed by the People of Color caucus, then by the white caucus, and some changes were made resulting from those reviews. The DRSC plans to bring the statement to a Meeting of the Congregation at 11:00 AM on October 20, 2024 in the fellowship hall, for final review and a vote. The statement is attached. Please read it in preparation for the meeting.

If you will not be present at the meeting on October 20, please email your vote to Frank Kandel by October 19.

We will move into discussing chapter 3 of *The Color of Compromise* after this meeting.  
Martha Yoder Maust  
Chair, DRSC

## WORSHIP: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Brittany Bither (chair), Justin Hochstetler, Jeanne Smucker  
Pastoral Representative: Brian Bither

**Last Sunday (9/29)**, Brian continued the series on the Sermon on the Mount by preaching about Jesus' teaching on adultery, divorce, and oaths in Matthew 5:27-37.

**This Sunday (10/6)**, we will continue our study on the Sermon on the Mount as Brian engages Matthew 5:38-48, which is the passage in which Jesus promotes non-retaliation and enemy love.

**Next Sunday (10/13)**, Brian will continue the series on the Sermon on the Mount by engaging Jesus' teaching about praying, fasting, and giving in Matthew 6:1-17.

### **This week's prayer list:**

- Church: **Peace Community Church**, which is a Mennonite church in our conference located in Detroit, Michigan.
- Organization: Our organization in focus is **Faith in Indiana**, which is a network of congregations, clergy, and people of faith who advocate collectively for racial and economic justice in Indiana. (Contact: Sabrina Falls)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shalom contributed \$140.35 to the My Coins Count amount collected at the Relief Sale!





Notice the new feature in Journeying Together, printed below the announcements: "Featured Person of Color Bio." Each week we'll learn about a person of color's life and contributions. If you would like to submit an entry, send it to [office@shalommennonite.com](mailto:office@shalommennonite.com). Pictures will be added, or you can send some.



It's CROP WALK time!! Date is set for Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm! Starting at Interfaith Center and walking about 3 miles through Butler University Campus. You can register on line and ask for donations virtually. Looking forward to walking this year with everyone! Register or donate at the link below! Please join our Shalom Mennonite Church team when you register!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/indianapolisin>

AMBS is offering a free on-line talk titled "How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism" on October 8 from 7-8 p.m. Professor Drew Strait will be sharing information from his book Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism. The talk is free but registration is required.

[Register to receive the livestream link](#)

### FEATURED PERSON OF COLOR BIO

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, this week features Dolores Huerta.



Instrumental in the Civil Rights movement, Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta were leaders in the fight against the unfair treatment of farm workers in the United States. In 1962, they founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged with other unions to become the United Farm Workers of America.

Co-founder of the United Farm Workers Association, Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta is one of the most influential labor activists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a leader of the Chicano civil rights movement. Huerta was born on April 10, 1930 in Dawson, New Mexico. After her parents divorced, Huerta's grandfather helped raise Huerta and her two brothers while her mother juggled jobs as a waitress and cannery worker until she could buy a small hotel and restaurant. Alicia's community activism and compassionate treatment of workers greatly influenced her daughter.

Discrimination also helped shape Huerta. A schoolteacher, prejudiced against Hispanics, accused Huerta of cheating because her papers were too well-written. In 1945 at the end of World War II, white men brutally beat her brother for wearing a Zoot-Suit, a popular Latino fashion.

Huerta briefly taught school in the 1950s, but seeing so many hungry farm children coming to school, she thought she could do more to help them by organizing farmers and farm workers. So, in 1955 Huerta began her career as an activist when she co-founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization (CSO), which led voter registration drives and fought for economic improvements for Hispanics. She also founded the Agricultural Workers Association. Through a CSO associate, Huerta met activist César Chávez, with whom she shared an interest in organizing farm workers.

Throughout her work with the UFW, Huerta organized workers, negotiated contracts,





advocated for safer working conditions including the elimination of harmful pesticides. She also fought for unemployment and healthcare benefits for agricultural workers. Huerta was the driving force behind the nationwide table grape boycotts in the late 1960s that led to a successful union contract by 1970.

In 1973, Huerta led another consumer boycott of grapes that resulted in the ground-breaking California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which allowed farm workers to form unions and bargain for better wages and conditions. Throughout the 1970s and '80s, Huerta worked as a lobbyist to improve workers' legislative representation. During the 1990s and 2000s, she worked to elect more Latinos and women to political office and has championed women's issues.

The recipient of many honors, Huerta received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. As of 2015, she was a board member of the Feminist Majority Foundation, the Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the United Farm Workers of America, and the President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation.

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/dolores-huerta>



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](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 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](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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