**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**Today**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 5:00 pm in various homes

**This week**

Mon, Mar 19 – Worship Commission Meeting, 10 am @ Showalter’s

**Upcoming events**

Wed, Mar 28 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Sun, Apr 1 – Easter breakfast 8:30 am

Thu, Apr 5 - Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Wed, Apr 11 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Apr 19 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Wed, Apr 25 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Sun, Apr 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Jun 14-16 – Annual IN-MI Mennonite Conference

\*see announcement

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Today – Daniel Bowden

Shalom Mennonite Church, 6100 E 32nd St, 46226

 Church Phone: 317-549-0577

Web page: www.shalommennonite.com

Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am – 12 noon

Pastoral Team: Brian Bither, Frank Kandel, Sabrina Falls

Church email address: pastors@shalommennonite.com

Vision & Accountability Team: Brad Sommer, Jeanne Smucker, Wilma Bailey, Carl Rhine, Kim Johnson, Brian Bither

***Welcome to***



***Shalom Mennonite Church***

March 18, 2018

Shalom Mennonite Church is a diverse faith community, rooted in the Anabaptist Christian tradition, being transformed by God’s grace. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus together as we worship God, grow as disciples, support one another, and share God’s love, justice, and peace with those around us and the world.



Between Me & You, in a new covenant, God’s promise and God’s love grow in our hearts.

**GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Prelude:** Krystal Johnson

**Welcome**

**Opening song:** STJ #3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

**Opening words:**

**Leader:** I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests.

What brings you here?

**People:** We want to see Jesus.

**Leader:** I see you, all who are here for the first time, and all who have

returned. What brings you here?

**People:** We want to see Jesus.

**Leader:** I see you and know that each one of you has been invited by God

to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes

and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the

Lord.

**Worship ensemble**

**Song:** “For me, for you”

**Children’s Time:** Laura Harms

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Hebrew Text:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Gospel Text:** John 12:20-33

**Sermon: “**And I will write it on their Hearts” – Frank Kandel

**GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**Song of response**

**Confession**

Beloved Protector and Teacher,

we need guidance, and sometimes we remember to ask for it.

But even as we reach for your hand,

we rush off in our own direction.

 We barely listen to the rules we break.

We like to remind ourselves, wherever we are, that you are with us.

 We forget the proper response:

that to serve you, we must follow you.

We put conditions on your love, because we don’t want to go

 to the uncomfortable places where we see ourselves in the other.

Forgive us.

 Hold us close and teach us again to truly live as you love.

**STJ #81** “Take, O take me as I am”

Congregation join in after the first verse

**Words of assurance**

Thus says the Lord God, “I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more.”

**Sharing of joys and concerns**

**Offering**

**SENT IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT**

**Sending Words:**

We are people of God.

We go in God’s love

to extend God’s love

and live God’s promise.

**Sending Song:** HWB #577 “O Love that will not let me go”

**Announcements:** Please go forward to the microphones if you have an

announcement to share.

**Worship Leader:** Herb Troyer **Song Leader:** Rod Maust

**Nursery:** Justin Hochstetler **Nursery next Sunday:** Joyce Troyer

**Our songbooks: HWB:** (blue) Hymnal A Worship Book; **STS:** (purple) Sing the

 Story; **STJ:** (green) Sing the Journey



Please join us in the basement (most weeks) for coffee/ tea/ cocoa and fellowship between our worship service and the Sunday School hour.

**Worship helps:**

~A large-print hymnal and Bible and a Spanish Bible, is available on the last row of chairs.

~Hearing assist devices are available - please ask an usher.

~A large-print order of worship is available - please ask an usher.

**Weekly information:**

~ Send email newsletter (Journeying Together) information by 8am

 Thursday to abri.houser@gmail.com

~ Send bulletin information by noon on Friday to showalter@indy.rr.com.

~ FebruaryKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with S.** April: T-W.

**Education Hour**

**Youth Classes:**

*Elementary ages* meet in basement classrooms.

Junior Hi/High School youth meet in the room at the front of the sanctuary.

**Adult Classes:**

1. Wilma Bailey will teach the book *Catholic Economics: Alternatives to the Jungle* by Angus Sibley. This class will meet in classroom #1 downstairs.
2. Cheryl Martin will lead a study of Gospel texts as interpreted by Ted and

Lee in *Fish Eyes* video. This class will meet in the back of the sanctuary

**Announcements**

Brian will be on vacation **through today** and will not be regularly checking his email or phone during that time. Pastoral concerns can be directed to Sabrina Falls or Frank Kandel during that time.



In response to requests to have announcement time reinstated into our Sunday morning services, the Worship Commission is suggesting something a little different than our past announcement formats. Time will be allotted after the sending words/song for anyone to go forward to the microphones and share any announcements they have.  We feel this will protect the flow of our worship, and still provide an opportunity for further announcements.  Please continue to use the newsletter and bulletin as a forum for announcements – both to submit announcements and to read them. Forward any comments or questions to the Worship Commission (Linda Showalter, Grace Rhine, Brittany Bither, Sabrina Falls).

Robert Coleman will be moving end of this month and could use some help cleaning his old apartment and moving his furniture. If you are available to help for 3 or 4 hours **any day from March 27th (Tuesday) through March 31st (Saturday)** let me know. Frank Kandel, kandel93@gmail.com, 309-532-2859