**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**This week**

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

**Next Sunday**

\*Easter breakfast 8:30 am

\*Worship service will begin at 10:30 am; no Sunday School hour

**Upcoming events**

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**

Mon, Mar 26 – Kim & Krystal Johnson, 2005

Tue, Mar 27 – Marilynn Teel

Wed, May 28 – Jerry Teel

Next Sunday – Becky Wigginton

Shalom Mennonite Church, 6100 E 32nd St, 46226

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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 25, 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, and all we lay down, god’s promise and God’s love grow in surprising ways

 **GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Prelude:** Linda Showalter

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** HWB #14 “Come, we that love the Lord” **Gathering Words from John 12 and Psalm 118**

**Leader:** The great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus

was on his way to Jerusalem.

**People:** Give thanks to God, who is good. The love of God endures

forever!

**Leader:** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: “Do not

Be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a

donkey’s colt.”

**People:** Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give

thanks to the Lord.

**Leader:** At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus

Was glorified did they realize that these things had been written

about him and that these things had been done to him.

***All:*** *The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.*

**PRAISING THE NAME OF JESUS**

**Songs of Praise: HWB #238** “Hosanna, loud hosanna!”

 **HWB #237** “All glory, laud, and honor”

**Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** Jesus, we join the chorus of the crowds today in shouting your

praise.
**People:** Hosanna! Blessing is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
**Leader:** And yet, we know that these same crowds betrayed you one

week later.

**People:** They did not understand what you are really about. Do we? Who

is this Son of Man?

**Leader:** We believe that you are the light of the world. Shed that light into

our hearts.

**People:** Make us children of light, Jesus, so that the darkness will not

overtake us.

 

**Song of Reflection:** HWB #239 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Song:** For Me, For You

God’s promises are for me, for you, full of surprises too!

For me, for you, full of surprises too!

God’s love is for me, for you, full of surprises too!

For me, for you, full of surprises too!

**Children’s Time:** Barbara Longoria

**Scripture:**John 12:12-36

**Sermon:** Keep Your Eyes on the Light – Pastor Brian Bither

 **GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**Song of Response**

**Confession**

**Leader:** Jesus, Messiah. The crowds around you can be thrilling, or

frightening. One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be

shaped. The next they are squeezing you, demanding that you

conform. Is that what we do?
**People:** When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts. The time is

ripe for change, but why can’t you lead that change in a way we

understand?
**Leader:** Forgive us for fearing the crowds and the consequences. Open

our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.
**People:** Show us again this new way of living. Help us to love like you.

**Assurance
Leader:** Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,

believe also in me.”

**Sharing our joys and concerns**

**Offering**

 **SENT IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT**

**Sending Song:** HWB #535 "Who now would follow Christ"

**Sending Words** (STS #168)

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week, when we see

again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,

***All:*** *Help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble, to listen*

*when you cry to hurt as you suffer, to bow our heads in sorrow*

*when you die, so that when you are raised to life again we may*

*share your endless joy. AMEN*

**Announcements**

**Worship Leader:** Sabrina Falls **Song Leader:** Rod Maust

**Nursery:** Joyce Troyer  **Nursery next Sunday:** Ruth Penner

**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.

~ MarchKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with S.** April: T-Y.

**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

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Next Sunday’s worship service will begin at 10:30 am, following the 8:30 am Easter breakfast. There will be no Sunday School hour.

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