**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**Upcoming events**

Sun, Sept 23 – Peace Sunday

Wed, Sept 26 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Sun, Sept 30 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing (ready for HWB #432), 6:30-8pm

Thurs, Oct 4 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study, 7-8pm

Sun, Oct 7 – Potluck after church

Wed, Oct 10 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

\*Sun, Oct 14 – Wilma Cender visits

Thurs, Oct 18 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study, 7-8pm

Sat, Oct 20 – Sexual Assault Awareness Training @Shalom, 9:30-11:30am

\*Sun, Oct 21 – CropWalk

Wed, Oct 10 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Sat, Nov 3 – Church Retreat @ Jameson Camp

Sat, Nov 17 – Fall Clean-Up, 8-12

\*see announcements

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Sun, Sept 23 – Jared Zook

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***

September 23, 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.

**Prelude:** Cheryl Martin

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymns**

**HWB #26** “Holy Spirit, come with power”

**HWB #306** “In Christ there is no East or West”

**Call to worship:**

**Praise the One** who hears the cry of the poor, who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.

**Praise the One** who feeds the hungry and satisfies the longing of those in need.

**Praise the One** who holds with tenderness the orphan and widow and gives the stranger a land and a home.

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**Prayer**

**Hymn Selections**

**Children’s Time:** Cheryl Martin

**Scripture:** Isaiah 60:1-11

**Sermon:** “Your Gates Shall Always be Open” – Pastor Brian Bither

**Time of Response**

**Sharing our joys and concerns**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending Words:**

Reconciling God,

who holds the brokenness of the world in a vast embrace,

restore us to your side,

so we may offer healing and hope beyond our borders.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN

**Sending Song:** **HWB #322** “For we are strangers no more”

Worship Leader: Herb Troyer         Song leader: Jay Brubaker

Nursery: Bethany Martin       Nursery next Sunday: Justin Hochstetler

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

 Please join us in the basement for fellowship, coffee/tea/hot

chocolate.

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

**Worship helps:**

~A large-print hymnal and Bible and a Spanish Bible is available.

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

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

This month's visual: the different colors indicate that we all come together as a church body with different needs and a diversity of beliefs. A pair of open hands is laying on the open Bible, indicating an openness to God. The musicians on the side are indicative of worship through music.

**Weekly information:**

~ Send email newsletter (Journeying Together) information and bulletin announcements to office@shalommennonite.com by noon on Thursday.

~ SeptemberKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with A-C**. Oct: D-J.

**Education Hour**

There are two adult classes:

--Jeanne and Wilma will lead a discussion of the Pathways study guide,   
part of Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward process.  The study guide is available  at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Pathways_Study_Guide_Final.pdf>   
This class will meet in the adult classroom downstairs.

--Kim  will  facilitate a sermon  discussion  class at the back of the   
sanctuary.

**Announcements**

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| **Giving Corner:** For September we are starting a new project with  Teachers Treasures.  A wish list can be found on their website:  <http://www.teacherstreasures.org/>  **Crop Walk:** The annual Greater Indianapolis CropWalk to help stamp out hunger, locally and globally, is scheduled for Oct. 21. Mary Albrecht will again be the contact person. We encourage you to support this as you have for many years. Please consider walking. Put out the word for donors and the reason why you walk. If you are unable to physically take part, please donate to a walker!! Last year,  we had 10 walkers and raised $3,255. See Mary Albrecht TODAY for your donor/walker envelopes. . Donors can designate funds . . . see the list by the coffee pot in the basement.  **Pastoral Candidate:** The VAT, Pastoral Team Search Committee, and Brian Bither have met with and will be inviting Wilma Cender, on October 14th, to Shalom so that the congregation can consider her for the 0.5 FTE pastoral position.  Wilma will be bringing the Sunday morning sermon; during the SS hour she will share her faith journey with us.  We will then have a noon potluck meal followed by a time of conversation with Wilma where we will encourage questions and discussions with Wilma on a more informal basis.  Then on Oct 21st we will ask for a congregational vote whether to extend an offer to Wilma for the position.   Please remember to continue to lift up this process in prayer as we collectively discern God's continued Vision & Mission here at Shalom. |