**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**Upcoming events**

Sun, Nov 18 – Sunday Prayer & Sharing Small Group, 12:15pm

\*Thur, Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Pitch-in

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

Thur, Dec 6 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

Sun, Dec 9 – Pastoral Search Discussion during Sunday School hour

Sun, Dec 9 – Congregational Budget Meeting after Sunday School

Wed, Dec 12 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

Thur, Dec 20 – Meal, 6:30pm; Bible Study 7-8

\*Mon, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service with First Mennonite

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

\*see announcements

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Sun, Nov 18 – Charles Harms

Mon, Nov 19 – Abed Kharousha

Tues, Nov 20 – John & Lois Amstutz, 1965

Sat, Nov 24 – Jay Brubaker

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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, Rod Maust, Brian Bither

***Welcome to***



***Shalom Mennonite Church***

November 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.

**Prelude:** Krystal Johnson

**Song**

**Call to worship**

**Leader:** The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.
**People:**Praise God above all, the giver of life! **Leader:** The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,
**People:**but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.
**Leader:** Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.
**People:**O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways. **Leader:** Come to the Rock, the God of life, for God is present now.

(based on Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, Matthew 22:15-22, written by Mary J. Scifres)

**HWB #343** “My hope is built on nothing less”

**HWB #598** “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus”

**Children’s Time:** Solomon Abebe

**Ensemble**

**Confession:**

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things

and too much to do.

We are driven by the need to succeed

and distracted by our service.

We have often lost our way.

Forgive us.

Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed

And sit at your feet. Amen

**Assurance:** HWB #559 “O thou, in whose presence”

**Scripture:**Exodus 33:7-23 and Luke 5:12-16

**Sermon:**“In Solitude, Where We are Least Alone” – Pastor Sabrina Falls

**Song of Response**

**Sharing our joys and concerns**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending Out**

The blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham,

    the blessing of the Son, born of Mary,

    the blessing of the Holy Spirit,

        who broods over us as a mother over her children,

be with us all. Amen

**Sending Song**

Worship Leader: Emily Fox         Song leader: Rod Maust

Nursery: Bethany Martin       Nursery next Sunday: Joyce Troyer

**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.

**Weekly information:**

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

~ NovemberKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with K-R.** Dec: **S-Z**

**Education Hour**

There will be 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:** In November, our focus is on extra food for Morning Star in Muncie. We will also collect caps and mittens for local groups.  |
| **Thanksgiving Meal:** We may be planning a Thanksgiving Meal again this year if there is enough interest. If you would like to participate in our pitch-in meal, please sign-up on the back window of the sanctuary with a dish you'd like to share or email Brian at brian@shalommennonite.com if you miss the sign-up.**Christmas Eve Service:** We are planning a joint Christmas Eve service with First Mennonite this year. If you would be interested in helping plan for this service, please let one of the Worship Commission members know, and we'll include you on the planning meeting. We would also like to provide refreshments after the service to allow time for additional conversation and fellowship with our sister church members. If you have an interest in helping with that, also let one of us know.  Linda Showalter, Grace Rhine, Brittany Bither**Crop Walk:** Crop Walk is finished for another year and everything turned in. thank you for walking and for donations garnered. We had 8 walkers (plus those accompanying them) and they raised $3,450.**Announcements:** Emily Fox will no longer be putting the newsletter (Journeying Together) or bulletin together. ALL announcements for either publication should be sent to office@shalommennonite.com so that the appropriate people will receive the information.  |