**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**Today**

Fellowship Meal

**This week**

Wed, May 9 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Sat, May 12 – Women’s Brunch @First Mennonite, 9:30-11:30 am

**Upcoming events**

Thu, May 17 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Thu, May 23 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Sun, Jun 3 - Fellowship Meal

Thu, Jun 7 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Wed, Jun 13 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Wed Jun 20 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Thu, Jun 21 – Thriving Thursday, 5 – 7 pm

Jun 14-16 – Annual IN-MI Mennonite Conference

Wed, Jun 27 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

Thu, Jun 28 – Thriving Thursday, 5 – 7 pm

Thu, Jul 12 – Thriving Thursday, 5 – 7 pm

Wed, Jul 18 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

Thu, Jul 19 – Thriving Thursday, 5 – 7 pm

Thu, Jul 26 – Thriving Thursday, 5 – 7 pm

Sun, Jul 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing (ready for HWB #378)

\*see announcement

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Fri, May 11 – Eirene Brubaker

Sat, May 12 – Dagne Assefa

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

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

***Welcome to***



***Shalom Mennonite Church***

May 6, 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.



**Study:**

Curiosity & Courage

**Prelude:** Linda Showalter

**Welcome**

**Songs** led by the Worship Ensemble

**Gathering Words** (inspired by Proverbs 1:20-33)

God, we know that one way wisdom begins

**is in curiosity.**

We know that the way to finding

**is by seeking.**

Many people throughout history have been renowned for their wisdom

and remembered for their insight: People who sought and studied. People who waited and looked. And just as the Magi were guided by the heavens to the infant Christ,

**so all who search for Christ will find him.**

Just as the ancient prophets and saints sought the wisdom of God,

**so all who search for wisdom will find her.**

Just as Christ taught us about wisdom: Ask and it will be given, seek and we shall find, knock and the door will be opened.

**Awaken in our hearts, O God, a desire for wisdom, a hunger for consciousness, a yearning for your reign.**

Help us to keep our priorities straight: to seek first your kingdom, and to trust that you have provided. Amen

Adapted from Fran Pratt; franpratt.com/litanies/2018/1/2/ephiphany-year-b-litany-for-the-wise

**Children’s Time:** Laura Harms

**STS #105** "Holy Spirit, truth divine," verses 1-3

**Scripture text:** Proverbs 1:20-33, John 18:33-38

**Sermon:** The Intellectual Virtues: Curiosity and Courage

– Pastor Brian Bither

**Song of response**

**Sharing our joys and concerns.**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending**

Lord Jesus,

When we would shut our eyes – because we are afraid to see,

when we would hold on tightly – because we are afraid to share,

when we would close our doors – because we are afraid to get involved,

may we find courage in the company of your people,

learning with them to open our eyes, our hands, our home and our heart.

Amen

~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website http://christianaid.org.uk/

**Sending song:** “Not be Shaken”

**Worship Leader:** Bob Love **Song Leader:** Rod Maust

**Nursery:** Abri Hochstetler **Nursery next Sunday:** Joann Buerge

**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.

~ MayKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with A – C.** June: D - J.

**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. **Upcoming adult classes:**

**Today - May 20** there will be two adult classes;

1. Jay will lead an academic study of Psalms, complete with homework. This is your opportunity to put into practice the discipline of study. Meets at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Joyce Troyer will lead a gifts discernment class. If you are not already in a small group that has been focusing on gifts discernment, this is a good opportunity to learn more about your own gifts. Meets in basement classroom #1.

**May 27:** Memorial Day weekend, no SS

**Announcements**

***Giving Corner:*** For May we will collect pasta for Second Helpings and household items for the Julian Center.

Melanie, Jackie, and Lorraine Hernandez have been separated from their mother for much longer than expected. The host family and temporary legal guardians, Cruz and Carlos, have extended their support well beyond what they expected. Now friends of our church community can help. We are asking families to pledge for a sponsorship program that will help cover costs. Please see the Hospitality Sponsorship Pledge Form for details (printed and electronic available). – Laura Harms