**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**This week**

Wed, Apr 11 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am Thu, Apr 12 – Outreach Commission Meeting, 5 pm

**Upcoming events**

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

\*Tue, Apr 24 – Global Gifts Annual Meeting @ First Mennonite, 6:15 pm

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

Sun, Apr 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Thu, May 3 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm
Wed, May 9 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7 am

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

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

Jun 14-16 – Annual IN-MI Mennonite Conference

\*see announcement

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Today – Florence Bucher

Mon, Apr 9 – Carol Bixler

Mon, Apr 9 – Laura Harms

Mon, Apr 9 – Gabriella Turentine

Thu, Apr 12 – Joann Buerge

Sat, Apr 14 – Cian Brubaker

Next Sunday – Krystal Johnson

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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, Kim Johnson, Brian Bither

***Welcome to***



***Shalom Mennonite Church***

April 8, 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**: Jake Rhine

**Welcome/Invitation**

**Opening Hymns:** HWB#56 Awake, arise, O sing a new song

 STJ #88 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Come and celebrate, people of God! Sing and shout your praise!

**People:** For our God comes to us, triumphant and victorious,

yet gentle and humble of heart.

**Leader:** God comes bringing peace, offering hope and freedom to all who

despair.

**ALL:** Let us worship God together!

**Prayer**



**Worship Ensemble**

**Children’s Time:** Joann Buerge

**Scripture**: Psalm 16:5-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Sermon**: Cultivating Joy – Pastor Brian Bither

**Song of Response**

**Communion**

**Sharing our joys and concerns**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending words**

**Leader:** Thank you, O God, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love

and are strengthened by your life.

**ALL:**  We go forth now into the world to live your way and share your joy.

**Sending Song:** STJ #78 We Will Walk with God

**Worship Leader:** Mil Penner **Song Leader:** Rod Maust

**Nursery:** Rose Love **Nursery next Sunday:** Angie Buller

**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.

~ AprilKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with T – Y.** May:A – C.

**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:**

**April 8:** Loves will share about their trip to Haiti with Mennonite Central

Committee

**April 15:** Child safety training

**April 22-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.

1. 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.

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

**Announcements**



Global Gifts is having its annual meeting and volunteer dinner celebration on **April 24** starting at 6:15PM.  Since this is the 30th anniversary of our stores and since Sam Carpenter is retiring from the executive director position, we want to make sure those of you who were involved in earlier days but no longer volunteer know you are invited.  Please contact Mary Liechty at mliechty@comcast.net if you would like to attend and are no longer volunteering.  Present volunteers will receive an invitation by email and may respond to that invite.