**Calendar of Events**

All events take place at Shalom unless otherwise noted.

**This week**

Thu, Aug 16 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

**Upcoming events**

Wed, Aug 22 – Morning Breakfast Group @ Ill. Food Emporium, 7am

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

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

Thu, Sept 20 – Meal, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, 7-8 pm

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

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

\*see announcements

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week**

Mon, Aug 13 – Jackie Hernandez

Sat, Aug 18 – Brian Bither

Sat, Aug 18 – Zenebe & Barbara Abebe, 1979

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***

August 12, 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

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

*Leader:*

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people;   
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

***All:***

**Let us worship the God who makes us one.**

**HWB #1** “What is this place?”

**HWB #420** “Heart with loving heart united”

**Children’s Time:** Carol Bixler

**Ensemble**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:37-47; Hebrews 10:23-25

**Sermon:** “The Subtle Power of Small Groups” – Pastor Brian Bither

**Time of Response**

**Sharing our joys and concerns**

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending Words:**

Eternal God,

We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world.

Remind us of our common foundation in Christ .

May we grow together in faith and in love,

**All:  until we attain that unity which is your will.**

Send down your Spirit

so that we may know Jesus and bear witness to our life and unity in him.

**All: Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation in church and society.**

We thank you for all your gifts of creation.

Teach us to share with others our time, our energy, our resources and our love.

**All: Make us sensitive and responsive to the wounds in the human family and creation.**

May we be faithful to our calling

May we give our whole life to Christ,

**All: for we belong to him and in Him all things are united on earth and in heaven. Amen.**

**Sending Song:**

HWB #478 "Sent forth by God's Word"

**Worship Leader:** Emily Fox **Song Leader:** Rod Maust

**Nursery:** Joann Buerge **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 for fellowship, coffee/tea/hot

chocolate.

**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.

~ AugustKitchen Clean-up: **last names beginning with S-W**. September: A-C.

**Education Hour**

Regular classes for children age two and up will resume in August. We are open for new teachers starting in September. Please contact Martha Yoder Maust if you are interested.

Adult classes: Theme: In this time of so much national conversation about keeping immigrants out, we will focus on stories of welcoming and being welcomed.

August 12 (today): a panel of persons who have been immigrants will share stories. Moderated by Laura Harms. Youth are welcome.

**Announcements**

**Giving Corner:** We have exceeded our goal of 100 completed school kits! There are extra erasers, rulers and pencil sharpeners, if you have want to continue to donate the four spiral notebooks, two ball point pens, package of 12 colored pencils and eight regular pencils for additional kits.

**My Coins Count:** Children will be collecting change from the congregation for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count" program, starting this Sunday. We have a large water jug to fill before the Relief Sale in September.

**Pastors on Vacation:** Pastor Sabrina will be on vacation from Saturday, August 4 through Monday, August 13. Please direct any pastoral concerns to Brian Bither or Frank Kandel during that time.

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Monday, August 13 through Sunday, August 19. Please direct any pastoral care concerns to Frank Kandel or Sabrina Falls during that time.