

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. On our back table are visitor information sheets to fill out if you'd like to be on our email list or get to know us better.

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Brian Bolton, Pastor; Valerie Showalter, Pastor of Youth and Children's Ministries; Tad Williams, Admin Asst.
**This week Brian's Sabbath day will be Monday, January 23.*

Pastoral team, Brian Bolton, Marci Frederick, Pat H. Martin, Emily North, Valerie Showalter, James Ward

Servants Council Chair, Laurie Miller; Members at Large, Tad Williams, Valerie Showalter and Brian Bolton; Hospitality Committee, Allison Yoder; Mission and Service Committee, Meredith Roof; Worship Committee, Ben Beachy; Formation Committee, Virginia Showalter; Stewardship and Administrative Committee, Anne Martin; Pastoral Team, Pat H. Martin

Safe Congregation Committee: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Barry Hart, 383-0500; Laurie Miller, 578-1508; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381; Please contact any member of this committee if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation.



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

January 22, 2017

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

As disciples of Jesus and lovers of God we seek to be a community where God's love transcends all barriers that oppress and exclude people. These barriers include race, culture, gender, social status, sexual identity and economics as well as misunderstanding and prejudice.

Formation Classes 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am, childcare for ages 0-5 in 113
Fellowship 11:15 am

Gathering

Centering Bell

Hymn *Holy Spirit Come with Power*

HWB 26

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Enlightening God, we come together in worship of you, and to ask that your Light will shine upon the darkness of our fears and give us strength.

Many: *"The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid...?"*

One: Trustworthy God, we come together in praise of you, because you are always to be trusted; and that you understand our doubts and anxieties.

Many: *"... The LORD is my fortress, protecting me, so why should I tremble?"*

One: Faithful God, we come together in reverent awe of you, because your faithfulness and holiness is unchanging; therefore, we all worship you.

Many: *"...I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous..." Amen.*

Hymn *The Lord is my light* STJ 97

Hearing the Word

Scripture *Isaiah 9:1-4*
Hymn *Longing for Light* STJ 54

Children's time

Scripture *Matthew 4:12-23*
Hymn *Lord, you have come to lakeshore* HWB 229

Confession *(insert)*

Scripture *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Sermon *Chloe's People*

Responding

Hymn *Jesus, help us live in peace* STJ 52

Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16

Offering *The Love of God* STJ 44

Sending

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *There is more love* STJ 109

TODAY Worship Leader: *Earl Martin*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*; Musician: *Sam Nickels*; Children's Time: *Valerie Showalter*; Readers: *Cindy Miller, Lily Gusler, Matt Swartzentruber*; Speaker: *Father Daniel Robayo*

Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events

Jan. 29, Epiphany 4 Brian Bolton
Feb. 5, Epiphany 5 Sarah Beachy
Feb. 12, Epiphany 6 Brian Bolton

Announcements

Ruby Zehr & Pat Hostetter Martin have agreed to coordinate the Sunday morning visuals at Shalom for 2017. We are looking for people in the congregation who might be interested in occasionally bringing their creative gifts to the task of setting up the altar and the table with prayer candles and pulling the curtains. If this seems like something you would be willing to consider, please contact either Pat or Ruby.

Parents & Youth -- Mark your calendars for MYF gatherings at Park View fireplace room, Sunday nights Jan 22, Feb. 12 7-8:30pm.

Jr MYF gathers once a month on Friday evenings from 6:30-8pm. Dates for this spring are: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 31, April 28. Locations will be announced. SUNDAY, May 21 will be a Jr MYF and MYF combined event at Valerie and Justin's place.

Mentors-only meeting: Sunday, January 29 at 5:30pm. Come with reflections, questions, and ideas on how the mentoring program is working for you and your mentee. Hearty snacks provided! Location to be at Melody's house, 415 E Wolfe St., Harrisonburg.

Budget report 12/31/16

Dec. offering	\$11,844.00	YTD offering	\$135,828.62
Monthly need	\$11,577.19	YTD need	\$138,896.30

Jan. 15 Attendance – 159; Regular offering – \$4,500

Shalom worship setup: October 2016 – January 2016

4th Sunday *Joel Yoder, Reed Shristi*
5th Sunday *Joel Yoder*

Snack schedule

Today *Virginia Showalter & Tim Godshall*
Next Sunday *Judith Wright & Meredith Roof*

Coffee clean-up

Today
Next Sunday *Judith Wright & Meredith Roof*

Greeters

Today
Next Sunday

Nursery schedule

Today *Paid child care*
Next Sunday *Paid child care*

Acorns

Today *Carroll Yoder (T), Paid child care (A)*
Next Sunday *Cindy Miller (T), Paid child care (A)*

Sprouts

Today *Mary Jean Cross (T), Carol Schirch (A)*
Next Sunday *Mary Jean Cross (T), Clara Yoder (A)*

Saplings

Today *Lisa Schirch (T), James Ward (A)*
Next Sunday *Lisa Schirch (T), Muniz Family(A)*

Oaks & Redwoods

Today *Artist work and journey – Ruby Friesen Zehr*
Next Sunday *Artist work and journey –Merrill Miller*

Confession

Holy Spirit, sent forth by Jesus, who prayed “that we might all be one,”

We confess that we see ourselves separately from many others who call themselves your followers.

We confess that we have spent more time repeating dogmas of separation, rather than becoming ministers of reconciliation.

We mourn the deep disconnect between ourselves and others in our community.

We mourn the ways our divisions directly hurt others, and prevent us from helping one another.

Spirit of Christ, restore us again today.

Reconcile us to You through the power of reconciling love for each other.

May we be as humble with each other as You were with us, emptying Yourself, taking the form of a slave, even to the point of death,

So that You might be lifted up,

So that we may be lifted up,

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So that we may see and know Your forgiveness, embodied in restored relationships with each other and with you. Help us to work for that unity we have already received in Christ, to make it visible in our lives. Amen.

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