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; *Tad Williams,* Admin Asst.
**This week Brian's Sabbath day will be Monday, Dec. 12.*

Pastoral team*, Brian Bolton, Mary Jean Cross, Pat H. Martin, Emily North*

Servants Council Chair, *Laurie Miller;* Members at Large, *Tad Williams and Brian Bolton;* Hospitality Committee, *Allison Yoder;* Mission and Service Committee, *Meredith Roof;* Worship Committee, *Melody Mast;* 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.

Mennonite Church USA

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

December 11, 2016

May the sun bring you new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries,
May the breeze blow new strength into your being,
May you walk gently through the world
And know its beauty all the days of your life.

~Apache blessing

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
Welcome
Hymn *Come walk in the light* STS 10
Call to Worship
Come, strengthen your hearts for the Lord's work!

Prayer
Hymns *Come thou long expected Jesus* HWB 178
Creation is a song STJ 24
Sing we a song of high revolt STS 13

Hearing the Word
Advent Candle Lighting
Hymn *Hope is a candle* STS 15, vs 3,5
Pageant* *The Give Away*

Responding
Hymn *He came down* STJ 31
Prayers of the People
Passing of the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16
Offertory

Sending
Introductions & Announcements
Benediction

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TODAY Worship Leader: *Jamie Miller;* Music Leader: *Brian Bolton*; Pageant Director: *Carrie Dengler Wenger*

Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events

Dec. 18, Advent 4	Brian Bolton
Dec. 24, Christmas	Christmas Eve service at 5pm, Norman Kraus
Dec. 25	No services
Jan. 1, Christmas 1	Brian Bolton, Communion
Jan. 8, Jesus' Baptism	10am, Commissioning of 2017 Committees; 11am Congregational meeting
Jan. 15, Epiphany 2	Installation & licensure of Valerie Showalter

Announcements

Our annual Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 11at 6:30pm**.** It will be held at Village Hall in VMRC. Please bring a finger food snack to share. Coffee and hot cider will be provided! See you there! There will be caroling starting at 5pm at Melody and Tina's house at 415 East Wolfe St.

MYF Trivia Night at EMU Common Grounds, 7pm, Dec 18

Needed: Teacher/Assistant for Formation classes starting in January! We are looking for one additional assistant to be in the Sprouts class (K-4th) and one additional teacher to be in the Acorns class (ages 3-4). Commitment is five Sundays for the semester, which runs January 8--end of May. Please contact Virginia Showalter (showalva@hotmail.com, 560-0084) if interested. Thank you!

Books needed--We would like to increase the selection of books available to children ages 0-5 in the Shalom nursery. If you have any gently used, quality board/picture books that you no longer need and would be willing to donate, please be in touch with Virginia Showalter or Judy Yoder. Thank you!

The next Congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 8th starting at approximately 10:45am. The worship service that Sunday will start at 10am as always, but will be abbreviated to allow for additional folks to attend the meeting if they wish. There will be child care in the nursery and planned activities for the older children. Snacks will be set up in the back.

Budget report 11/30/16

Nov. offering	$8,188.35	YTD offering	$123,463.95
Monthly need	$11,577.19	YTD need	$127,349.09

Dec. 4 Attendance – 135; Regular offering – $1,584; Patchwork Pantry - $25

Shalom worship setup: October 2016 – January 2016

2nd Sunday	*Ed & Clara Yoder, Jeff Heie*
3rd Sunday	*Margot Zahner, Tom Benevento, Jamie Miller*

Snack schedule

Today	*Pat H. Martin*
Next Sunday	

Coffee clean-up

Today	*Pat H. Martin*
Next Sunday	

Greeters

Today	
Next Sunday	

Nursery schedule

Today & Next Sunday	*Paid child care*

Acorns

Today	*Pageant Practice*
Next Sunday	*No formation classes*

Sprouts

Today	*Pageant Practice*
Next Sunday	*No formation classes*

Saplings

Today	*Pageant Practice*
Next Sunday	*No formation classes*

Oaks & Redwoods

Today	
Next Sunday	*No formation classes*