

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on pastoral team, please send your name and email to office@shalommc.org.

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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.



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 25, 2018 | Palm Sunday

What was the point of being scared? The only thing they could do to me was kill me, and it seemed like they'd been trying to do that a little bit at a time ever since I could remember.

—Fannie Lou Hamer

Formation classes 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am, childcare ages 0-5 in 113

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Hymn *Over my head* STJ 18

Welcome

Call to worship

One: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

Many: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.

One: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

Hymns *Praise the One* STS 1
Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB 238

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Jesus, Messiah. The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.

One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped. The next they are squeezing you, like putty in a clenched fist, demanding that you conform.

Is that what we do?

When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.

We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.

Do you?

The time is ripe for change, then and now.

Why can't you lead that change in a way we understand?

How is it that you define success so differently? It scares us to question you.

It's worse if we don't.

Forgive us for holding in questions so long that we can't bear the answers.

Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.

Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.

Show us again this new way of living. Help us to love like you.

(Silence for reflection)

Words of assurance

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

Hymn *Between me and you*

Between me and you, the words of Scripture providing a clue; the stone, rejected, surprising for you, I choose to be there with you.

HEARING THE WORD

Scriptures John 12:12-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Left: I thank you, YHWH, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting!

Right: Let Israel say it: "Your love is everlasting!"

L: Open the gates of justice for me, let me come in and thank you, YHWH.

R: This is the gate of YHWH, and only the upright can enter!

L: Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.

R: It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the keystone;

L: this is YHWH's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

R: This is the day YHWH has made—let us celebrate with joy!

L: Please, YHWH, please save us! Please, YHWH, give us prosperity now!

R: Blessings on the one who comes in the name of YHWH. We bless you from YHWH's Temple!

L: YHWH is God and God has enlightened us. Join the festal procession! With palm fronds in hand, go up to the horns of the altar!

R: You are my God, and I thank you; you are my God, and I exalt you.

L: Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.

R: Thank you, YHWH, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting!

Children's Time

Valerie Showalter

We are marching in the light of God Insert

Sermon

You used to call me on my Sousaphone Marci Frederick

RESPONDING

Hymn *How can we be silent?* STJ 61

Prayers of the People

Loving God, **we offer you our prayer.**

Passing the Peace *Peace Before Us*

Offering *There is more love somewhere* STJ 109

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

TODAY Worship Leader: *Earl Martin*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*; Children's Time: *Valerie Showalter*; Visuals: *Herb & Sarah Myers*; Speaker: *Marci Frederick*

Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events

Mar. 30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Apr. 1 Easter Sunday (*details below*)—Brian Bolton
Apr. 8 Valerie Showalter
Apr. 15 Brian Bolton

Announcements

Brian is on Paternity Leave until Monday, Mar. 26. Valerie is the primary point of contact for all pastoral responsibilities.

Harrisonburg's downtown ecumenical prayer walk, based on the "**Stations of the Cross**," will be held **Friday, Mar. 30**, from 12-1 p.m. The walk begins at Blessed Sacrament and ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, with a total of 10 stops. See Shalom's e-news for more info.

Holy Week Services:

Good Friday Love Feast, Foot Washing, Tenebrae

Shalom gathers Friday, Mar. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at EMHS for a service remembering the final events of Jesus' life. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary or look in the enews for the link to sign-up online. All welcome, even if you don't sign up!

Easter! Drumming up the Sun, Worship, Potluck

Shalom's tradition of drumming up the sun continues this Easter, and the hour of sunrise is reasonable this year! (7:00am) Gather out on the recreation field next to the EMHS auditorium parking lot whenever you can get there. Bring drums, streamers, coffee—whatever makes it work for you. Worship will begin at 7:30 a.m. indoors in our usual space, followed by our potluck breakfast in the cafeteria.

Weekly Lenten Devotions @ Starry Meadows ([10547 Turleytown Rd, Linville](#)) from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own lunch. Sharon Landis will offer a meditation to savor with lunch and a sending prayer that invites you to walk the beautiful woods or meadows. If you forget your lunch, there will be a few munchies to share.

EMS Grant Program Shalom wishes to support students attending EMS by participating in a tuition grant program. This is an opportunity to preserve and promote the values, traditions, and perspectives of the Mennonite Church. If you are interested in contributing you can do so by writing a check with "EMS fund" in the memo line and include it in today's offering. We anticipate seven students would be eligible for this program in 2018-2019.

Redwoods Formation: Lisa Schirch will be leading a 4-week faith formation series on **Art and Story: A different view of Jesus** starting Mar. 25. We will look at the story of Jesus' life and death through the eyes of different groups of people suffering in different parts of the world. There will be a short time of viewing the art and hearing about it in a PowerPoint, and then small group exploration of the art and sharing. **Youth and adults will meet together, from middle school aged and older.** There will be art supplies and snacks at every table for those who prefer to think while doodling.

Budget report 2/28/18

Feb. offering	\$22,113.43	YTD offering	\$44,328.12
Monthly need	\$14,435.96	YTD need	\$39,698.89

March 18 Attendance—126; Regular offering—\$7,856.00

Worship setup

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*
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Offering & Mic-setup

4th Sunday—*Pat & Earl Martin*
1st Sunday—*Mary Showalter*

Snack schedule

Today—*Carol Schirch*
Next Sunday—*Potluck*

Coffee clean-up

Today—*Carol Schirch*
Next Sunday—*Hospitality, etc.*

Greeters

Today—*Cliff & Hope Lind*
Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross*

NOTE: There will be no Formation hour on Easter Sunday.

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Acorns (3-4 year olds)

Today—*Cindy Miller*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Daniel Showalter (t), Clara Yoder (a)*

Saplings (6-8 grade) | Oaks & Redwoods

Today—*Art & Story: A different view of Jesus with Lisa Schirch*