

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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Servants Council Chair: Anne Martin; Members at Large, Elizabeth Fletchall, Valerie Showalter, and Brian Bolton; Hospitality Committee: Tim Godshall; Mission and Service Committee: Mary Jean Cross; Worship Committee: Melody Mast; Formation Committee: Joel Yoder; Stewardship & Administrative Committee: Ellen Miller; Pastoral Team: Marci Frederick

Safe Congregation Committee: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381, Valerie Showalter, 209-0242; 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.

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

May 27, 2018 | Second Sunday of Pentecost

"Remember those in prison as if you were together with them in bonds, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

~ Hebrews 13:3

Formation classes On break through the summer
Worship 10 a.m., childcare ages 0-5 in 113

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Songs *Rain Down* STJ 49

Welcome

Call to worship Insert

Hymns *Come, O Spirit, come* STS 104
Blessed are they STS 41

Litany of Nonviolence Insert

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time *Let the children come* STS 47

Scripture John 3:1-17, Romans 8:28

Storytellers of Local Incarceration

RESPONDING

Hymn

Prayers of the People

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

Passing the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16

Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speakers: *Jane Meiser & Steven Thomas*; Worship Leader: *Katrina Poplett*; Music Leader & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Children's Time: *Joel Yoder*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*; Readers: *Earl Martin, Justin Shenk*

Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events

Jun. 3 Brian Bolton—Sunday Dinner Scramble

Jun. 10 High School Blessing

Jun. 17 No worship—Bach Festival, Leipzig Service

Jun. 24 Karen Suderman

Announcements

Faith Formation Committee is seeking feedback and ideas for on this past year's Adult Formation class. Please take 3 minutes to fill out a brief survey online, with the link in the email news. Responses requested by Jun. 10. Thanks!

Long-Range Visioning Process: The next step in our visioning process is to form a Planning Team to lead us. We value the congregation's input for who may be a good fit for the Team. We would like to have nominations by Jun. 8 to keep the process moving forward. To nominate someone or to ask a question about the process, check in with the Nominating Committee—Ellen Miller, Matt Swartzentruber, Anne Martin, Brian Bolton, and Valerie Showalter.

Invitation for Prayers: Fifteen Shalom youth and four adults are traveling to Washington, D.C. on Jun. 12-14 for the annual Summer Experience. The theme of the trip is "Seeing God's Face: Expressions of Faith in the City." Please remember the group in prayer as we prepare, as we explore, and as we return home.

Last Sunday was the end of the regular Faith Formation hour until autumn. If there are topics or conversations you would like to explore over the summer during the 9 a.m. hour, please speak with Valerie.

Call to Worship

Look around you People of Faith,
Children of God, She, He, They,
look around you, who is the person sitting next to you?

**The person next to me is a miracle and mystery,
at this moment they are a testament
of the Word Made Flesh,
of God's continuing advent in our world into our midst.**

The person next to you is
an inexhaustible reservoir of possibility,
with potentialities that have only partially been touched.

**The person next to me is a unique universe of experience,
seething with necessity and possibility,
dread and desire, smiles and frowns,
laughter and tears, fears and hopes,
all struggling to find expression.**

The person next to you is surging to become
something in particular,
to arrive at some destination, to have a story and a song,
to know and to be known.

**The person next to me is a whole colony of persons,
a parent, a child, a sibling, a friend,
a preacher, a teacher, a student,
a shining expression of the Divine.**

The person next to you believes in something precious,
stands for something, counts for something,
labors for something, waits for something,
runs for something, runs toward something.

They are a mystery,
they embody the Word Made Flesh,
they carry the spark of creation.

People of God, look beside you,
and delight in the presence of God.

Litany of Nonviolence

Compassionate God, aware of our own brokenness,
We ask the gift of courage to identify how and where
We are in need of conversion in order to live in
solidarity with all people.

Deliver us from the violence of superiority and disdain.

**Grant us the desire, and the humility, to listen
with special care to those whose experiences
and attitudes are different from our own.**

Deliver us from the violence of greed and privilege.

**Grant us the desire, and the will, to live simply
so others may have their just share of resources.**

Deliver us from the silence that gives consent
to abuse, war and evil.

**Grant us the desire, and the courage, to risk speaking
and acting for the common good.**

Deliver us from the violence of irreverence,
exploitation and control.

**Grant us the desire, and the strength, to act
responsibly within the cycle of creation.**

God of love, mercy and justice,
acknowledging our complicity in those attitudes,
actions and words which perpetuate violence,
We ask the grace of a non-violent heart.

AMEN.

Prayer adapted from Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-The-Woods.
Breaking boundaries, creating hope.

Shalom Retired Women Meeting—Save the Date! This is a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jun. 1 at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet at Carol's house at 1833 College Avenue. To RSVP, you may contact Carol Schirch at schirchc@gmail.com, (540) 433-0885 -OR- Jean Schaeffer at jschaeff@swva.net, (540) 250-0792.

Summer Experience Reminder: All youth who are going on the Summer Experience will have a meeting on **Sunday, Jun. 3 at 9:15 a.m.** at church to talk about details and shared expectations. At least one parent for each youth should also plan to attend. If you are unable to be at this meeting, please let Valerie know.

On Sunday, Jun. 3, all are invited to be part of Shalom's Sunday Dinner Scramble. Instead of our typical first Sunday potluck, we will be eating lunch in each other's homes. If you would like to participate as a host or a guest, please sign up with the form linked in the e-news by May 27. If you have trouble with the online form or have questions, please contact Tim Godshall (timgodshall@gmail.com or 908-8194).

Anyone in the 30ish-40ish age range (singles, couples, and their children) is invited to join a group of Shalom folks on a camping trip at Douthat State Park July 1-3. We spend a lot of time at the lakeside beach, but we also fish and hike and share meals and fellowship while preparing food, washing dishes, tending the campfire, and herding children. Please contact Virginia Showalter (showalva@hotmail.com) or Carrie Dengler Wenger (denglerwenger@gmail.com) for details or to let them know you plan to join the fun. If you would like to share meals

with the group, please RSVP by June 3 so the meal schedule can be made with you included.

Hospitality Committee is looking for folks willing to provide our Sunday snack and clean-up throughout the summer. Please contact Judith Wright at (541) 601-2230, judithgwright@yahoo.com, or find her at church to sign up.

Budget Report

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| Apr. offering | \$8,824.00 | YTD offering | \$53,571.56 |
| Monthly need | \$14,521.80 | YTD need | \$68,978.36 |

May 20 Attendance—111; Regular offering—\$993.00

Worship setup

4th Sunday—*Pat & Earl Martin*

1st Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

1st Sunday—*Marty Showalter*

Snack schedule

Today—*Charlotte Shristi*

Next Sunday—*Potluck*

Coffee clean-up

Today—*Charlotte Shristi*

Next Sunday—*Hospitality*

Greeters

Today—

Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*