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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Brian Bolton, Pastor; *Valerie Showalter,* Pastor of Youth and Children's Ministries; *Elizabeth Fletchall,* Admin. Assistant.

Pastoral team: *Brian Bolton, Marci Frederick, Hannah Kelley, Sharon Landis, Jaime Miller, Emily North, Valerie Showalter, James Ward*

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*

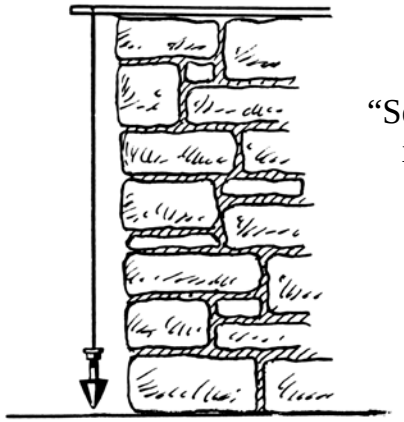
Safe Congregation Committee: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381, Valerie Showalter, 209-0242; Please contact any member of this committee if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical 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.

Mennonite Church USA

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

July 15, 2018



"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the middle of my people Israel."

~ Amos 7:7 CEB

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Prepare the way* STS 14

Welcome

Call to Worship

Sometimes the call of divine truth seems so fraught with inscrutable paradox and unmediated subjectivity.

Open our hearts, O God, to your life-giving mystery.

Sometimes the crispness of divine truth is as simple and unarguable as a plumb line.

Open our spirits, O God, and activate our feet to walk in ways that liberate and empower.

Sometimes the beauty of divine truth opens with enlivening subtlety and fragrance.

Open our whole beings, O God, to the aroma of your blooming presence among us.

Hymns *Firstborn of Mary* STS 37
When Jesus worked here on earth STS 38
Alleluia, the great storm is over STJ 71

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Amos 7:7-8, Mark 6:6b-14

Sermon Herod's Second Chance

RESPONDING

Hymn *Let there be light* HWB 371

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 Speaker: *Brian Bolton;* Worship Leader: *Earl Martin;* Music Leader: *Duane Bontrager*; Children's Time: *Ross Erb*; Visuals: *Herb and Sarah Myers;* Prayers of the People: Emily North

Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events

Jul. 22 Brian Bolton
Jul. 29 Kirsten Beachy
Aug. 5 Worship in the Park—Potluck, "Food & Faith"
Aug. 12 Brian Bolton

Announcements

Thank you to all who have responded to Stewardship Committee's notice that Shalom's giving is less than our expenses at this time. This is an unusual position for us to be in! Congregations are living, breathing organisms; many things change, including people's abilities to give. Changes in one part of the body call for changes in another.

We ask that you re-evaluate your giving as we utilize last year's "rainy day fund" to meet expenses. We are confident that Shalom's generous and resilient spirit will see us through this time as we transition to new giving patterns.

If you are away for summer Sundays and wish to keep abreast of your giving, we'd welcome receiving your contributions by mail at EMU, Campus Box 8, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. This will help with current cash flow and also help us more accurately assess our financial status as we move into the Fall.

Many thanks,
Anne Martin, Congregational Chair

The Mission and Service committee recommends that Shalom find a service project it can sponsor together. We recognize that members of Shalom are very active in the community and contribute in many different ways. However, we believe that it will build our own community if we can discover an area that we are able to work on together over a period of time. We would like to ask the congregation for its input on what this project might be. We will be gathering suggestions throughout the summer and then bringing the most requested ideas back to the congregation for discernment. Please place your suggestions in "The Hospitality Pot" during July or speak to a member of the Mission and Service Committee: Vaunda Brown, Cindy Hunter, Earl Martin, Laurie Miller, Meredith Roof, Mary Jean Cross, chair.

New Local Ministry—with:

RISE, a United Methodist Congregation in downtown Harrisonburg is inviting our congregation to join them in a new ministry, with, to the families of prisoners. Located across the street from the jail, with provides a safe and comfortable space, with hospitality and caring support for persons waiting to visit family members.

Each partner congregation will provide this ministry one Saturday morning (8-11 a.m.) per month. The Mission and Service Committee is inviting volunteers to host and volunteers to provide refreshments. If you would like to be part of this hospitality ministry, please contact Mary Jean at mjcross@myvmrc.net or (620) 762-0875 –OR- Earl Martin at patearl@aol.com or (540) 908-1480. Training for volunteers will occur in early August.

Work wanted! Miranda Schirch Goldberg and Lizet Muniz are looking for odd jobs including babysitting, yardwork, dogsitting/housesitting, bookkeeping, and more! $10/hour. mirandasgoldberg@gmail.com or lizetcmuniz@gmail.com.

Due to some EMHS office changes the current quiet room will no longer be available. We have some other options that we are exploring and will announce soon.

Our new church directory is here! Check your email for the message from Shalom with instructions on how to access the directory, how to download the directory app to your phone, and how to submit a photograph.

Budget Report will be updated next week b/c of vacation

Jul. 8 Attendance—115; Regular offering—$7,913.00

Worship setup
3rd Sunday—*Laurie & Ellen Miller*
4th Sunday— *Emery & Faye Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup
3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind*
4th Sunday—*Cliff Lind*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up
Today— *Arlene & David Wiens*
Next Sunday—*Anne Martin*

Greeters
Today— *Tim Godshall & Virginia Showalter*
Next Sunday— *Verne & Carol Schirch*

Nursery schedule
Today— *Paid childcare*
Next Sunday— *Paid childcare*