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](mailto:office@shalommc.org).

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Staff: *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.

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

August 12, 2018

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"You are fine as who you are. Have faith in yourself, instead of requiring approval from others, and then get on with being connected in community."

–Thomas Moore

*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.*

**GATHERING**

**Centering Bell**

**Gathering Song** *O sing to the Lord* STJ 12

**Welcome**

**Call to worship**

One: Wonderful Weaver of the World,

Help us to reach from our separateness

To the unity of all creation.

Many: We come as single strands and

Ask that you weave us together—

Low Voices: With earth and sky,

High Voices: Eagle and tree,

Young Voices:   Water and fire,

Old Voices: All the colors of the rainbow,

Many: All the beautiful, unique beings that we are.

All: Weave us into your web of creation.

**Hymns** *God of the Bible* STJ 27

*Open my eyes* STS 65

*Water has held us* STJ 82

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture** *Ephesians 4:22-5:2*

**Children's Time**

**Sermon** *Nothing to Hide*

**RESPONDING  
Hymn** *As I went down to the river*STJ 79

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Passing the Peace**

**Offering**

**SENDING**

**Introductions & Announcements**

**Benediction** *We will walk with God* STJ 78

**TODAY**Speaker: *Brian Bolton;* Worship Leader: *Emily North;* Music Leader: *Melody Mast*;Children’s Time: *Hannah Kelley*;Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*;Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*

**Worship Calendar – Upcoming Speakers and Events**

**Aug. 19** Marci Frederick—Kindergarten Blessing

**Aug. 26** Brian Bolton—Blessing for a New School Year

& Back to School Snack

**Sept. 2** Mentor/Mentee Blessing

**Sept. 9** Retreat Worship at Highland Park

**Announcements**

**Shalom stands in solidarity and support of Justapaz**, a Colombian peace and human rights organization with longstanding ties to MCC. Justapaz has recently been subject to death threats and issued a call for a show of support from churches and organizations around the world. Our pastors signed Shalom's name to their letter of support, and we invite our collective prayers and awareness for the sake of an end to the threat of violence. Read more at www.mcc.org and www.justapaz.org.

**Our new church directory is here!** Log-in by visiting https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/ and click the link below the blue sign-in button to “Create a login now.” For more detailed instructions, check your email for the message from Shalom, dated Sunday, Jun. 24. Not on our email list and/or want to be in the directory? Send an email to office@shalommc.org to be added.

**2nd Annual Woods Wander:**  Families with children aged 0-5th grade are invited to gather on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 5-7 p.m. in the woods near Valerie and Justin's house, for fellowship, easy-to-moderate walks, and a campfire potluck. Directions are attached to the email newsletter. In case of rain, we'll meet at the barn at 4714 Kline's Mill Road, Linville. Please bring table service and a dish or two to share.  Hot dogs and fixings, s'mores, and drinks/cups will be provided. (Vegan options for hot dogs and s'mores will also be provided.)

**As we plan our fall Junior and High School Youth events we are in need of Adult Volunteers/Sponsors.** I am looking for several adults to assist me with Sunday Evening youth gatherings in the Shalom office. This is a great way to get to know our amazing Shalom youth and share some of your Life lessons and Spiritual journeys with them. We will plan approximately four events this Fall. The topics are still open so feel free to bring your suggestions. Valerie will be working alongside to give input and help out when needed. I would also love to have a youth or youths help us plan as well. Please contact me if you are interested. As the saying goes, it takes a village... –Joel Yoder

**The Heartbeat of Shalom—Our Annual Fall Retreat is Sept. 7-9**at Highland Retreat Center in Bergton, Va. We will build on Shalom’s tradition of rest, fun, and fellowship at retreat with a focus on on the rhythm and music of our lives. Music therapist and community music specialist Robby McCoubrey will lead us in a time of connecting with each other and the Spirit through rhythm and song, inclusive of all ages and abilities. Further details and sign-ups for sessions, lodging, meals, and talent show will be coming out soon.  Start working on your talent show act!

The first **Youth Night** of the school year will be**Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6-8 p.m.** at the Shalom offices and will include dinner. **Youth in grades 6-12 are invited** to come and help plan our autumn activities.

# Save the Date:  The next Safe Church training for Approved Adults will be Saturday, Sept. 22.  More details to come.

Love facilitating the learning process? **Formation Teachers are needed** for the youngest among us—our preschoolers! Teachers are asked to teach 4-5 times a semester and materials are provided. Please be in touch with Valerie if you're willing to help in this way!

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| **As the budget report indicates, the congregation has been responding in recent weeks to our budget deficit with a significant increase in giving. Thank you!** Your generosity and responsiveness are just one more reminder of the gift and strength of this Shalom Congregation. –Stewardship & Admin. |

**Budget Report**

August offering $1,290.00 YTD offering $110,746.14

Monthly need $14,521.80 YTD need $106,009.14

**Jul. 29** Attendance—91; Regular offering—$1,290.00

**Worship setup Offering & Mic-setup**

2nd Sunday—*Emery & Faye Yoder* 2nd Sunday—*Jay Landis*

3rd Sunday—*Laurie & Ellen Miller* 3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind*

**Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up**

Today—*Evelin Gonzalez*

Next Sunday—*Evelin Gonzalez*

**Greeters**

Today—*Hannah Kelley*

Next Sunday—*Godshall/Showalter*

**Nursery schedule**

Today—*Paid childcare*

Next Sunday—*Paid childcare*