

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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Shalom Mennonite Congregation

September 23, 2018 | World Peace Sunday

Let's work to be the faithful, just and loving church that identifies with the stranger, the needy and the marginalized.

If we do that, then we love and serve Jesus and those whom Jesus loves.

— Willi Hugo Pérez
Mennonite World Conference representative for Central America
President of SEMILLA (Latin American Anabaptist Seminary), Guatemala

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 *Jesus, we are here* STJ 6

Welcome

Call to worship¹

One: Reconciling God,

Many: who holds the brokenness of the world in a vast embrace.

One: restore us to your side,

Many: so we may offer healing and hope beyond our borders.

All: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymns *Somos el cuerpo the Cristo* STJ 64
 We will walk with God STJ 78
 Love God, Love Each Other (insert)

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture *Deuteronomy 10:12-21 & Matthew 25:31-46*

Children's Time²

Sermon *A renewed peace church welcomes the stranger*

RESPONDING

Hymn *Brothers and sisters of mine* HWB 142

Prayers of the People HWB 697
 Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

Passing the Peace

Offering *Remember this* STS 43

¹ Lois Siemens, taken from Sing the Journey #130

² The Peace Book, by Todd Parr

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *May the peace of Christ be with you* (insert)

TODAY Speaker: *Kajungu Mturi, Andrew Suderman, and Emily Hershberger*; Worship Leader: *Krista Showalter Ehst*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*; Children's Time: *Mary Jo Swartzendruber*; Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Sept. 30 Global South Climate Change storytellers

Oct. 7 Covenant Signing

Oct. 14 Valerie Showalter

Oct. 21 Brian Bolton

Announcements

It's magic nametag month! Pastoral Team and Hospitality will have nametags available every Sunday, now through October. Wear one high near your shoulder and—voila!—you'll be amazed how many people remember your name!

New Attendee Lunch—TODAY from 11:45-12:45

Whether you've been coming to Shalom for two weeks or two years, it's easy to feel like you're still "new." This is a chance to come enjoy a meal, meet some other new-ish folks, and ask any questions you have about Shalom. Feel free to join us today—we'll meet after the service in the classroom closest to our worship space.

Voices from the Global South—Sunday, Sept. 30 Speakers from Zimbabwe and Nepal will share with Shalom during worship about the impacts of climate change in their home communities. A third speaker from El Salvador will join them when they share that same evening at 6 p.m. at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. *Sponsored by Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and MCC.*

All are invited to complete a Covenant Survey—it's one of the main ways we can take a pulse of your interest in participating in the life of Shalom. Complete it online at shalommc.org/get-involved, or pick up and return a copy on the hospitality table at worship.

Youth Event: On **Sunday, Sept. 30**, we will have a **High School Blessing and Ice Cream Social at Park Cabin at 7 p.m.**

Our 'Mixed Forest' faith formation is underway, Sundays @ 9 a.m. All are invited! The Mixed Forest replaces adult formation (Redwoods), Oaks (9-12), and Saplings (middle school) with a new look and feel. Our objective: *As a mixed forest faith formation class, we aim to create an inclusive learning environment, engaging diverse learning styles, ages, and experiences, allowing room for where the Spirit leads.* Our curriculum for this season will be based on an MCUSA study guide looking at Anabaptist identities. The initial three sessions will be facilitated by pastoral team, after which **we seek facilitators** who can creatively engage our full selves, using art, drama, music, small group conversation, etc... to explore this identity together. We will provide art supplies and more. If interested, please see Paul Cook, Justin Shenk, or Valerie Showalter.

The designated Quiet Room will now be in the Teacher's Lounge located at the top of the ramp, first door on your left. This space is available for nursing mothers, for parents with sleeping children, and/or for those who just need a break from Shalom's holy mess.

NOTE: *If you do not need to take the blue or green inserts home for your reference, please leave them behind so we might recycle them for use in next week's bulletin. Thank you.*

Budget Report

August offering	\$8,406.00	YTD offering	\$120,737.14
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$121,983.12

Sept. 2 Attendance—126; Regular offering—\$1,548

Worship setup

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

5th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

5th Sunday—*Ellen Miller*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Evelin Gonzalez*

Next Sunday—*Barb & Doug Root*

Greeters

Today—*Marci Frederick*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Cindy Miller*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Barb Root (t), Ed Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Tim Godshall (t), Clara Yoder (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Jaime Miller & Brian Bolton*

Next Sunday—*Valerie Showalter, Brian Bolton, Emily North*