

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 30, 2018 | Global South Voices
on Climate Change

"Oak trees don't set an intention to listen to each other better, or agree to hold tight to each other when the next storm comes. Under the earth, always, they reach for each other, they grow such that their roots are intertwined and create a system of strength that is as resilient on a sunny day as it is in a hurricane."

~ adrienne maree brown

*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 *Come walk with us* STJ 2

Welcome

Call to worship

One: In the beginning, God made it all – the heavens and earth, the waters and the air, all plants and all creatures,

Many: **and it was all very, very good.**

One: We gather today, witnessing the beauty of creation; witnessing the pain of its tragedies.

Many: **We, too, are good, and we desire to treat all things and all people as though they are good too.**

One: We are the body of Christ, one who spoke truth and lived humbly, in pain and in love.

Many: **Inspire us to speak and act like one body; to seek healing and redemption for our world.**

Hymns *I sing the mighty power of God* HWB 46
 Cantemos al Senor HWB 55
 I bind my heart this tide HWB 411

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 24:1

Children's Time *MCC Relief Kits*

Global South Voices on Climate Change

Durga Sunchiuri, Nepal
Sibonokuhle Ncube, Zimbabwe

RESPONDING

Litany for Creation (insert)
Hymn *O healing river* HWB 372

Prayers of the People

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

Passing the Peace

Offering *God, whose farm is all creation* HWB 391

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Worship Leader: *Bethany Chupp*; Music Leader & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*; Children's Time: *Mary Jean Cross*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Oct. 7 Communion & Covenant Signing
Oct. 14 Valerie Showalter
Oct. 21 Brian Bolton
Oct. 28 TBD

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!

Voices from the Global South—TONIGHT A third speaker from El Salvador will join today's worship speakers 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.

All are invited to the **9th Grade Blessing and Ice Cream Social tonight** at Park Cabin from **6 p.m.** Youth are invited to bring a favorite ice cream topping to share.

New small groups have formed over the summer and are still being formed. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Sharon Landis at spiritsong.sl@gmail.com with your interests, and your contact information.

Shalom “Retired” Women Meeting The next gathering is on **Friday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m.** We will meet at Jean Schaeffer’s house at 651 New York Avenue. You may RSVP to Carol Schirch (schirchc@gmail.com) or Jean (jschaeff@swva.net, 540-250-0792). All are welcome—as always—to our quarterly gatherings.

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.

Come hear Bruxy Cavey at EMU October 24-25. Bruxy, senior pastor of The Meeting House, speaks from his books [re\(union\)](#) and [The End of Religion](#) at these events open to the public. Oct. 24 - 10:10-11 a.m. Convocation in Lehman Auditorium, 6:30-8 p.m. Evening Forum in Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Oct. 25 - 11-11:45 a.m. Seminary Chapel in Martin Chapel.

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	\$123,074.14
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$124,887.48

Sept. 2 Attendance—124; Regular offering—\$2,337

Worship setup

5th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

1st Sunday—*Joel Yoder & Youth*

Offering & Mic-setup

5th Sunday—*Ellen Miller*

1st Sunday—*Marty Showalter*

Snack schedule

Today—*Barb & Doug Root*

Next Sunday—*Potluck*

Coffee clean-up

Today—*Barb & Doug Root*

Next Sunday—*Hospitality, etc.*

Greeters

Today—*Hannah Kelley*

Next Sunday—*Hollis & Marty Showalter*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Hannah Kelley*

Next Sunday—*Cindy Miller*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Barb Root (t), Clara Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Daniel Showalter (t), Carol Schirch (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Valerie Showalter, Brian Bolton, Emily North*

Next Sunday—*Journey Forward: Belovedness & Brokenness*

Litany for Creation

One: Source of all life-giving waters, we thank you for vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains.

Many: We confess that we have polluted our waters with careless waste.

One: Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share; teach us to care for the gift of water.

**Many: Come and heal your people.
Come and heal the waters.**

One: Creator of the land, we thank you for mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies.

Many: We confess that we have profited from greed and violence.

One: Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care; teach us to live gently on the land.

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One: Breath of life, we thank you for wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life.

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One: Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air.

Many: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the air.

One: Giver of Life, your love sustains planet earth and spans the cosmos. By your hand all things living are fed.

Many: Forgive our neglect and abuse of your gifts.

One: Help us to serve, defend, and restore your creation.

**Many: Help us care for your people.
Help us care for the earth.**

Declaration of Hope

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